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Anxious times

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Mike Sharkey, owner of The Gun House in St. Joseph, cleans a Glock 43 Friday afternoon. Sharkey says anxiety is driving gun and ammunition sales, while pandemic-related manufacturing issues are causing inventory problems. "Selling them is easy. Getting them has been the hard part," he said.

Gun sales skyrocket amid pandemic and protests; local sellers face low inventory due to manufacturing issues

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

People across the country and Southwest Michigan are buying guns in record numbers.

According to research and firearm experts, growing concerns over personal safety are behind the recent surge in gun sales across the U.S., a trend noticed around the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The FBI in June processed a record 3.9 million background checks, representing the most checks since the agency started recording that data in 1988. While background checks are a key indicator for demand, they are not a direct representation of number of guns sold.

Mike Sharkey, owner of The Gun House in St. Joseph, said firearms and ammunition are flying off the shelves at his store.

"It's a very busy time. People started buying guns like they did toilet paper," Sharkey said. "Selling them is easy. Getting them has been the hard part."

The Gun House in St. Joseph offers a wide selection of rifles, shotguns and handguns. Owner Mike Sharkey says he has seen an increase in firearm purchases since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sharkey said the supply chain has started to dwindle as manufacturers were shut down when the pandemic hit, and are now playing catch-up to the national demand.

Carle Post, owner of Gun & Bow Outpost in Baroda, said manufacturers are behind in production due to state restrictions in the workplace.

"We're being told that it's because of panic buying, but it's also because of COVID-19 restrictions by state governors," Post said. "You won't be at normal production when only so many workers are in the building at once."

Personal safety

The rise in gun sales has been steady over the last five months, but hit its peak in June.

A study conducted by the Brookings Institute revealed these concerns have been ongoing since March because of the pandemic, then picked up steam with the social unrest in June that followed George Floyd's killing in Minneapolis.

Chad Shimunek, owner of Black Arsenal in Stevensville, said he hasn't seen the amount of firearm sales since the 2012 Sandy Hook school shooting, and when former President Barack Obama was first elected to office.

"(Customers) are concerned because of the riots, upheaval, protests and talk of defunding the police," Shimunek said. "They live in areas where the police responses are a concern based on location and make

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Quarantines, closures: Confusion reigns as schools reopen

By TAMMY WEBBER, KIMBERLEE KRUESI and JOCELYN NOVECK
Associated Press

Frightening calls from the school nurse. Waiting in vain for word from school officials. Canceled sports practices. Marching bands in quarantine.

For countless families across the country, the school year is opening in disarray and confusion, with coronavirus outbreaks triggering sudden closings, mass quarantines and deep anxiety among parents.

Schools in at least 10 states have had students and staff test positive for the virus since they began opening. The outbreaks have occurred in a variety of school settings: marching bands, high school football teams, elementary classrooms, high schools.

A Colorado high school shut down for two weeks after two students tested positive. Football teams in Utah canceled practices and games after several players came down with the virus. The entire football team and marching band in a small Alabama town were placed under quarantine because of exposure to the virus, the second time the team had to be quarantined this summer.

Michigan is reporting 14 outbreaks at schools. Mississippi started the week with about 2,000 students and 600 teachers in quarantine; the state has had 245 cases of coronavirus in teachers and about 200 in students since districts began returning to school in late July.

Joel Barnes got the call from the school nurse on Aug. 6: His 14-year-old son had been exposed to COVID-19 by a classmate at

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Brynn Anderson / AP

Students arrive to Dallas Elementary School for the first day of school amid the coronavirus outbreak in Dallas, Ga. on Aug. 3. For countless families across the country, the school year is opening in disarray and confusion, with coronavirus outbreaks triggering sudden closings, mass quarantines and deep anxiety among parents.

Michigan appeals court upholds governor's emergency powers

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Michigan Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's emergency declarations and orders to curb the coronavirus clearly fall within the scope of her powers, the state's appeals court ruled Friday, rejecting Republican lawmakers' contention that she cannot indefinitely act without their approval.

The 2-1 ruling upheld a lower court decision and will be appealed to the state Supreme Court. The appellate panel denied the GOP-led Legislature's argument that a 1945 law lets a governor unilaterally extend emergencies only if they are local, not statewide, in nature. A separate 1976 law requires the Legislature's approval to extend an emergency or disaster after 28 days.

Whitmer's ongoing state of emergency is the underpinning of her measures to keep closed some businesses such as gyms and movie theaters except in rural northern counties, limit gathering sizes, require masks and restrict other activities to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

"A declared statewide emergency only ends upon the governor's declaration that the emergency no longer exists. That has yet to occur in the instant case," Judge Jane Market wrote in an opinion joined by Judge Kirsten Frank Kelly.

Dissenting Judge Jonathan Tukel

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Michigan businesses fined for lax worker virus protections

Niles business among those cited

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — The state on Friday fined six Michigan businesses thousands of dollars for allegedly not protecting workers from the coronavirus, in what was described as an initial round of citations as regulators confront a five-fold increase in safety complaints during the pandemic.

After conducting inspections, the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited the firms for infractions such as letting employees work near each other without masks and failing to do daily health screenings and or develop a COVID-19 preparedness and response plan. One of the businesses, Coop's Iron Works – a fitness center in Saginaw – opened in defiance of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's order that has kept gyms closed to indoor activities for five months except in northern Michigan.

The Saginaw County Health Department referred the fitness club

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their high school in Corinth, Mississippi, and needed to be picked up right away.

By that time, Barnes and his wife had heard through the grapevine – mainly Facebook – that at least six people at the school had tested positive and more than 100 students were being told to quarantine. The district posted the information on Facebook, but never followed up with personal communication, Barnes said.

He and his wife decided to keep their son, a freshman, home to learn online even though he tested negative for the coronavirus. "It's not as difficult as worrying about him being exposed to COVID again," Barnes said.

He says he's grateful the district released some limited information, but he's frustrated there wasn't more – and that the state attorney general said schools were not required to inform parents of outbreaks.

"I do understand that there are state and federal laws governing what you can say about students," said Barnes, a retired teacher, "but you're not giving out names, you're just giving out numbers."

"This is a national public health crisis," he said. On top of that, he added, "I have significant health issues, and it would not be good for me to be around someone who has it or to get it myself."

The K-12 clusters have mirrored the situation at colleges and universities that have had to shut down in-person learning and switch to virtual classes, albeit for different reasons. Many of the college outbreaks have been traced back to fraternity and sorority gatherings, crowded bars and a lack of masks and social distancing. Students around the country have been suspended for violating bans on campus parties and gatherings.

The developments offer a glimpse into the future for schools around the country still deciding whether to return students to the classroom and weighing the risk of broader community infection if they reopen.

U.S. health officials on Friday released a study they said showed that the right measures can keep spread of the virus low in child-care centers.

The study looked for evidence of spread of the virus at 666 child-care programs in Rhode Island that were open last month. The state required centers to reduce the number of people in programs to no more than 20, including staff. It also required adults to wear masks at all times, daily symptom screening of children and adults, and enhanced cleaning and disinfection guidelines. The CDC does not currently recommend that universal symptom screenings be conducted by schools.

Nearly 19,000 kids attended. Investigators identified only 52 confirmed and probable cases, including 30 children and 22 adults. The children ranged from less than one year old to 12, with a median age of 5.

The CDC study does seem to show that day care centers and even schools can be reopened in some places, said Dr. Mike Saag, an infectious disease expert at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

But, he quickly added, that's only in places where spread of the virus is low, and where schools and day care centers are able to do a lot of work to stay on top of new infections.

Don Campbell / HP staff

Sharkey, owner of The Gun House for the past 12 years, cleans a Glock 43.

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them think about their own safety."

Brookings Institute researchers estimated an additional 3 million firearms were sold from March through June, as compared to the same period in previous years. That's equivalent to the spike in gun purchases observed following the Sandy Hook shooting, and more than 50 percent higher than what would have been expected for June sales.

Nearly half of those 3 million additional sales occurred in June, after several days of protests across the nation were sparked by Floyd's videotaped death while being apprehended.

Researchers say the spike differed from previous gun-buying binges because it was not driven by fear of pending restrictions – but by anxiety and unease over an ongoing crises.

"In March, concerns about personal safety arose from both a deadly new virus and an economy in free fall," the Brookings study stated. "By June, concerns about the virus and the economy remained, and were compounded by new evidence of racial injustice in policing, widespread protests, and discussions of defunding the police."

New faces

According to gun dealers surveyed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation, about 40 percent of firearm sales since March belong to new gun owners. Typically, this group represents about a quarter of guns sold.

In Southwest Michigan, the number has also been unusually high.

Sharkey said about 70 percent of The Gun House's customers are first-time buyers.

"They're worried about the future and what's happening in the world," he said. "They ask for recommendations and we make sure training and safety are considered."

In Stevensville, Black Arsenal also has seen a jump in new customers.

"It's been about 25 to 30 percent new gun owners," Shimunek said. "That's way above average for us. We saw the most new gun owners in June after what happened in Minneapolis."

Post said a lot of his new customers are signing up for safety classes.

"We've had so many new first-time buyers," he said. "This isn't just people buying more guns willy nilly. This is about protecting themselves."

Another reality local owners have had to worry about is building an inventory for when the hunting season returns in the fall.

Shimunek said he anticipates a shortage of guns for hunters, but he is trying to stay ahead of the game.

"We've been stocking our shelves with hunting rifles and ammunition for the past three months," he said. "Usually we don't start stocking until the end of July or early August. Now we're two or three months ahead of the curve."

Sharkey said he has been ordering scopes and ammo as soon as they become available.

Post, who has run his business for more than two decades, also anticipates that hunting season will be problematic.

"Normally we start months in advance. But it doesn't mater because no one has anything," Post said. "All we can do is wait. We're a big hunting store. It's going to be at least through the end of the year, if not into the first quarter, when we start to see a light at the end of the tunnel."

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to the state when it became associated with nearly 20 cases of the virus, said MIOSHA Director Bart Pickelman. It was fined $2,100 for not training employees on infection-control practices, not keeping accurate records of attendees and other violations.

The five other businesses – United Shore Financial Services in Pontiac, a UPS distribution facility in Livonia, a Speedway gas station in Waterford, residential contractor Dan Freed in Eaton Rapids and Hills Roofing in Niles – were fined between $5,300 and $7,000. United Shore Financial Services has had nearly 100 employees test positive, according to Oakland County.

State officials said they have been doing outreach to employers about the governor's workplace safety orders, and a vast majority are protecting their employees. However, MIOSHA – which typically received 200 complaints a month before the outbreak – now is getting 1,000 per month. It has received more complaints since March than in all of 2018 and 2019 combined.

"We're focused on education first so employers know what they must do to safely reopen," said Sean Egan, Michigan's COVID-19 workplace safety director. "But a failure to follow guidelines put everyone at risk."

The businesses have 15 work days to contest the penalties. If they do not come into compliance, they could face "drastically" higher fines, Pickelman said.

A state Court of Claims judge in June ruled that the Democratic governor's coronavirus-related workplace orders included excessive penalties for employers in violation because they are governed by emergency laws that allow for lesser penalties: a 90-day misdemeanor and a $500 fine.

Pickelman said his agency is not directly citing the executive orders. Rather, he said, it is using a long-existing "general duty" clause that requires employers to furnish a workplace that is free of recognized hazards.

Steven Hill, owner of Hills Roofing, said he shut down his small business for two months in the spring until Whitmer allowed construction to resume. He said he cannot afford the fine and will appeal.

"The executive order is not law and cannot be enforced as law," he said.

In a statement, UPS said it "cares deeply about keeping our employees safe and "we strongly disagree with the allegations," saying it had taken extensive steps to prevent the spread of the virus.

The Associated Press left messages with United Shore Financial Services and Coop's Iron Works. It could not immediately reach the Speedway or Freed on Friday.

Also Friday, business groups said they sent a letter to the governor calling for the statewide reopening of gyms, theaters, bowling alleys and other industries that currently can be open just in northern Michigan. They also said those businesses should be able to defer their property taxes without being assessed interest and penalties, and they urged legislation to protect all businesses from "needless" lawsuits if they follow public health guidelines.

The governor vetoed related tax bills in July, citing budget implications.

"We ask that you and your Administration find ways to give businesses, especially those that remain closed, a fighting chance – and soon," wrote the leaders of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, the Small Business Association of Michigan, the Detroit Regional Chamber and the Grand Rapids Chamber.

Whitmer said this week she was reassessing the risk of reopening more Michigan businesses that have been closed for five months under her orders to curb the spread of the virus.

LOTTERIES

Friday drawings

Michigan

Midday Daily 3
3-9-6
Midday Daily 4
3-8-2-8
Daily 3
5-1-0
Daily 4
1-2-7-0
Fantasy 5
04-09-15-19-38
Keno
05-06-07-09-11-14-16-18-20-22-32-36-37-40-42-46-54-58-62-72-75-78
Mega Millions jackpot
$49 million
Powerball jackpot
$29 million

Thursday drawings

Indiana

Cash 5
03-05-30-35-40

Cash4Life
10-15-23-35-59, Cash Ball: 2
Quick Draw Midday
10-11-12-21-27-30-32-34-35-40-43-48-49-56-57-60-63-65-69-73, BE: 65
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Daily Three-Evening
7-5-8, SB: 7
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Illinois

Lotto
12-16-37-42-48-49, Extra Shot: 21
Estimated jackpot
$4.25 million
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
08-13-22-28-30
Estimated jackpot
$450,000
Pick Three-Midday
8-7-8, Fireball: 7
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AMC	Ferris Bueller	★★ Police Academy ('84, Comedy) Steve Guttenberg, Kim Cattrall. CC				:15 ★★★ First Blood ('82) CC	
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Big Ten	Michigan	Minnesota		Illinois Football		Wisconsin	
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Cartoon	Teen Ti	Dragon	Dragon	American	American	American	Rick
Cinemax	Long Shot ('19)	★★ Ma ('19) Octavia Spencer, Diana Silvers. CC			:40 ★★ Greta ('18, Suspense) Isabelle Huppert. CC		
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CNBC	Boss	Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss	
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Comedy	★★ Step Brothers ('08) Will Ferrell.				:40 ★★ Step Brothers		
Discovery	Alaskan Bush	Alaskan Bush People (N) CC		Growing Belushi CC		Dodgeball Thunderdome "Episode 1"	
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Golf	:00 PGA Tour Golf The Northern Trust, Third Round. CC						
Hallmark	:00 Love on Safari ('18) Lacey Chabert, Jon Cor. CC			A Summer Romance ('19, Romance) Erin Krakow, Ryan Paevey. CC			
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Nick	Henry	Danger	Danger	Sponge.	Sponge.	Friends	Friends
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Parmt	Shooter	★★ White House Down ('13, Action) Channing Tatum. CC					
Showtime	:15 ★ Peppermint ('18, Action) Jennifer Garner. CC			★ Run This Town ('19, Suspense) Ben Platt. (P). CC			We Hunt Together
Starz	Jumanji: Next	★★★ Men in Black ('97, Action) Tommy Lee Jones. CC			:40 ★★ Men in Black II ('02) Tommy Lee Jones. CC		
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SyFy	6:30 ★ Sharknado ('13) Tara Reid.	★★★ Twister ('96) Helen Hunt. Storm chasers race to test a new tornado-monitoring device. CC					
TBS	6:00 ★★ The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies ('14)			Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
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TMC	:15 ★★ Mile 22 ('18, Action) Mark Wahlberg. CC			A Serial Killer's Guide to Life ('19) Katie Brayben. CC			The Young Ca
TNT	Wrestling	★★★ Transformers ('07, Action) Shia LaBeouf. CC (DVS)					
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Boyfriend's confession rocks his once-solid relationship

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend of four years recently admitted that he cheated on me six months ago. I was blindsided. Until the day he told me, I thought we shared everything. The hollowness and betrayal I feel is sometimes overwhelming.

He explained that at the time, he was dealing with substance issues and depression, which I was also unaware of. Both have worsened in recent months. How could I have been so blind?

To complicate things further, I have a 6-year-old son who has grown to love this man as a father because my ex-husband walked out on us when he was born. He has been an amazing role model for my son, and overall, a wonderful partner – or so I thought.

He says he's heartbroken over the pain he's caused me. He recently started receiving treatment for his depression through medication and therapy, and he has begged me to go to couples therapy to rebuild the trust that's been lost.

I was taught to believe that cheating is the end of a relationship, no ifs, ands or buts. I don't want to end the relationship, but I'm struggling with the decision because of what I was taught, especially when I confide in friends and they tell me to dump him.

I wish I knew what to do. I need an objective opinion. Can a relationship survive such a betrayal? Can we be happy again? – Hollow In New York

DEAR HOLLOW: The answers to your questions are yes and yes – especially if both partners are fully committed and prepared to get couples therapy from a licensed professional. If you love this man and want to give this relationship a chance, quit confiding in your friends and start talking with the therapist. Your boyfriend is remorseful, he is also in treatment, and he is trying his best to get better and work things out. Please give him the opportunity to do that because, if you do, your story may have a happy ending.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 26-year-old single woman living alone during quarantine. I have no family who live in-state.

Admittedly, I've struggled with loneliness during quarantine, and my family knows this. For weeks, I have been fending off my dad's attempts to fly cross-country and visit. I don't think it's safe and have told him no.

Today, he told me that he is making plane reservations, it doesn't matter what I say or want. I know this comes from a place of love, but he is completely disregarding my feelings, especially since I have been extremely careful in quarantine and he hasn't been. Is there a way I can keep this visit from happening? – Home Alone In Rhode Island

DEAR HOME ALONE: Yes, there is. Tell your father plainly you are afraid of being exposed to the virus because he hasn't been as careful about exposure as you have been. If he still insists, tell him he must bring with him proof that he has tested negative, and even then you won't see him unless you are both masked, gloved and practicing social distancing. He should also not plan on staying with you.

If that doesn't discourage him, when he arrives, see him outside and remain 6 feet apart in case he has been exposed at the airport or on the plane.

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Wherever my sister goes, her boyfriend tags along

Carolyn Hax

DEAR CAROLYN: My sister and I are both divorced. For several years we've been getting together about once a week to drink wine and kvetch about work, kids, current events.

Now she has a boyfriend. We have both dated fairly consistently, but this is the first guy who's gotten a title and a spare key, from either of us.

Now they are a package deal. We are in our 50s; I thought the days of joined-at-the-hip couples were behind us. I like this man just fine, but he changes the whole tone and tenor of our hangouts.

I have asked her to leave him behind, which she now does about half the time. Our weekly get-togethers were sacred to me, and I'm not sure whether it's time to just grieve for them. I swear I'm not just jealous! – The Tagalong

DEAR TAGALONG: Please just say what you want: "Our weekly get-togethers were sacred to me. Any chance we can keep them going, and make other plans that include Boyfriend?"

As long as you're making an effort to be inclusive and welcoming of her new love, I don't see anything wrong for asking her explicitly for the one-on-ones to remain so.

Yes, you did bring it up already, but asking her "to leave him behind" with no mention of a plan to include him in other ways was perhaps not as attentive to her needs as you were being to your own.

That, too, is something you can say outright – that you're sorry you put it the way you did, assuming your representation here is accurate, and you're all in on getting to know her guy better and sharing in her happiness. You'd just like this one weekly lifeline preserved.

REGARDING TAGALONG: Also be prepared for a new normal. Maybe having him there half the time is the best compromise you'll be able to get from your sister.

Her life has changed in a big way, and there's no getting around that. I hope she will be up for seeing you solo once a week.

If not, when you explain how important it is to you that you and she get solo time together, then make sure you're willing to be flexible. – New Normal

REGARDING TAGALONG: Are there other friendships you could cultivate and make a bit more room for, that you haven't because you have been so used to being fulfilled by the weekly get-together with your sister?

Could deepening one or more of those replace some of what you feel you're losing with your sister in terms of general support, etc.? – Anonymous

DEAR ANONYMOUS: Good point, thanks. It generally comes back to bite us when we let ourselves think there's only one way to meet a need. Especially one we can't control.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Elbows
5 Sprees
9 Skillet
12 Not do
13 Water, in Tijuana
14 Strong soap
15 Smith or Jackson
16 Not admit to
17 Raised railways
18 Menu listing
20 Anwar of Egypt
22 Skippers' OKs
23 Boar's mate
24 Winfrey of TV
27 Goofs
31 Stir-fry vessel
34 Sherpa's sighting
35 Fresca or 7-Up
36 First orchard?
38 Goes right
40 Sugar amt.
41 Ferber or Millay
42 Llama habitat
44 Library abbr.
46 Build an appetite
49 Cabbie's fare
52 Trapped
54 Thou, today
55 Soak up the sun
58 Deborah of films
59 Lamb's mama
60 Lazily
61 Linen color
62 Stockholm carrier
63 Playthings
64 Spear with a toothpick

DOWN
1 Say in fun
2 Fridge maker
3 Itty- —
4 Record player
5 Shade of green
6 Census info
7 Six-shooter
8 Go-ahead (hyph.)
9 Answered a judge
10 Auel heroine
11 Oriole abode
19 Glimpse from afar
21 Bowls over
23 Jerked away
25 Like a king
26 Nefertiti's god
28 Go bad
29 Hwys.
30 Fall guy
31 Tiny
32 Like some socks
33 Howard or Berry
37 Pew locale
39 In stitches
43 Seals a deal
45 Shuttle course
47 Upright
48 — incognita
49 Bread grains
50 Corn Belt state
51 Country club fees
52 The — the limit!
53 Beat decisively
56 Hubbub
57 Foxy

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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E	A	V	E	S	■	E	H	S	■	A	L	I
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■	■	W	A	S	P	S	■	M	T	N	■	■
H	A	N	■	O	L	L	A	■	U	K	E	S
I	L	K	■	R	A	I	L	■	B	O	L	E
F	E	L	L	■	N	E	T	S	■	A	G	A
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■	■	■	O	W	S	■	S	U	D	A	N	■
A	R	E	N	A	■	D	E	M	O	■	■	■
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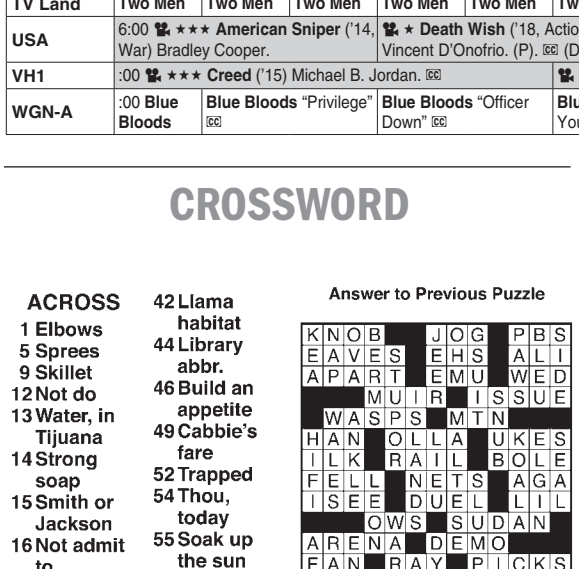

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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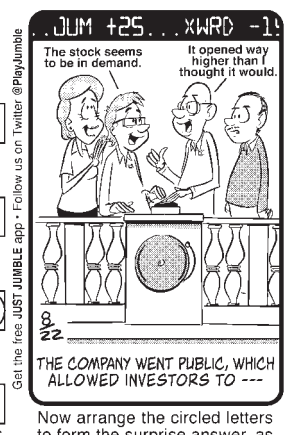
RUYHR

NEITVN

FASYEL


..JUM +25...XWRD -1!
The stock seems to be in demand.
It opened way higher than I thought it would.
THE COMPANY WENT PUBLIC, WHICH ALLOWED INVESTORS TO ---

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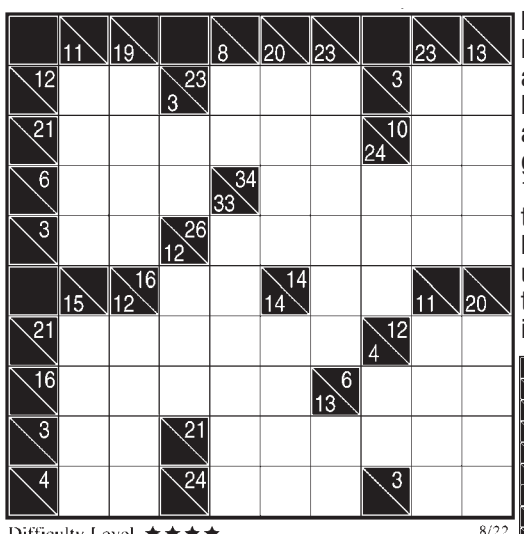
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

THE _____ _____

(Answers Monday)

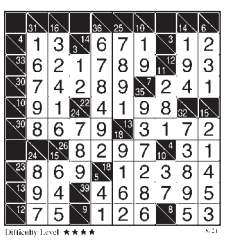
Yesterday's Jumbles: GOOSE IMAGE SLUDGE ELIXIR
Answer: The farmer and the hens thought the fox's foray into the henhouse was — "EGG-REGIOUS"

KAKURO



How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 8/22



BRIDGE

Many players are afraid to try duplicate in a bridge club. Part of that problem is the lack of sympathy from more experienced opponents, who never seem to remember that they were beginners once. Back in 1986, Americans Kitty and Henry Bethe were living in England and had the idea for No Fear duplicates. They were for newcomers, and only a very simple bidding system was permitted. They were quickly successful. There was one No Fear event in '86, seven in '87 and more than 70 in '88. (She is now Kitty Cooper, and he died in 2015.)

One unnamed No Fear declarer played cleverly in this deal from 1988. How would you have tried to make seven no-trump after West led the heart 10?

North used two doses of Gerber, learning that his partner had three aces and two kings, before plunging into seven no-trump.

South had 12 winners, three in each suit. If either spades or diamonds were splitting 3-3, that suit would supply the 13th trick. And perhaps one opponent would have four spades and four diamonds, making him a squeeze victim – but that might be too advanced for a No Fear competitor.

Would an opponent throw a spade from four? No fear! So, after winning the first trick, South cashed three spades. Unlucky – West discarded a heart. Now, though, declarer took her remaining heart tricks. West had to discard from one of those minors. With nothing to go on, he selected a diamond, so the grand slam made.

If you are nervous about playing in your local club's regular game, suggest a No Fear event.

North 08-22-20
♠ K Q 7 6
♥ K Q 5
♦ A 7 2
♣ Q 5 3

West
♠ 10 2
♥ 10 9 8
♦ J 9 5 4
♣ J 9 8 4

East
♠ J 9 8 4
♥ 7 6 4 3
♦ 10 8
♣ 10 7 6

South
♠ A 5 3
♥ A J 2
♦ K Q 6 3
♣ A K 2

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
2NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♠	Pass	7NT	All Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 10

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

4				2	6	7		
3				4	5			6
		6	9				8	
6		5						
	1						7	
						4		5
	3				8	1		
7			4	6				3
		1	5	3				7

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

2	9	8	4	7	1	5	3	6
5	6	3	2	9	8	7	4	1
4	1	7	6	5	3	8	9	2
9	3	1	5	6	2	4	7	8
6	4	2	8	3	7	1	5	9
7	8	5	1	4	9	6	2	3
8	7	9	3	1	5	2	6	4
3	2	4	7	8	6	9	1	5
1	5	6	9	2	4	3	8	7

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It's not as easy as asking, 'Why not?'

Jonah Goldberg

In George Bernard Shaw's "Back to Methuselah," the serpent says to Eve in the Garden of Eden: "You see things; and you say, 'Why?' But I dream things that never were; and I say, 'Why not?'"

What's funny is that a version of this quote is often ascribed to Robert F. Kennedy as the perfect distillation of progressive idealism.

I don't think Kennedy's idealism was the root of all evil, or even remotely evil in its intent. But this idea – on display at the Democratic convention this week and an article of faith in Democratic politics – that all that prevents us from doing profound, "transformative" things is our lack of imagination can have objectively evil consequences.

Many of the Democrats who sought their party's nomination this year didn't just promise to socialize medicine, enact the Green New Deal, ban fracking, etc. They also insisted that it would be fairly easy to do. The only things that prevented such transformational policies were obstruction by villainous billionaires or special interests and the failure of previous politicians to think big enough.

More recently, progressive activists and politicians have endorsed the idea of abolishing the police and "canceling" rent.

The first problem with this sort of rhetoric is practical. Many of these proposals are simply bad ideas on the merits. Canceling rent and abolishing the police are catastrophically dumb ideas. If you cancel rent, landlords will be unable to pay for heat or electricity, never mind repairs. Countless plumbers, electricians, janitors, painters, et al. would lose their livelihoods. Landlords would default on their mortgage payments to banks. And banks would be stuck with properties that are essentially worthless, causing a cascading economic crisis that would make our current travails seem puny by comparison. And that's if the courts let any of this happen in the first place.

Truly abolishing the police would invite horrifying levels of violence, looting and robbery, as well as a riot of vigilantism as homeowners, business owners and other citizens took self-defense into their own hands.

The consequences of the Green New Deal or "Medicare for All" wouldn't be nearly as biblical, but reasonable people can still acknowledge they would involve massive trade-offs. Whether you think those trade-offs are worth it speaks volumes about where you stand politically.

Even if you think it would be worth the effort to destroy the fossil fuel industry and lay waste to the health care system as we know it, spending trillions of dollars borrowed from China, what can't be denied by serious people is that it would take enormous political effort over many years and many elections.

In other words, even if the Green New Deal or Medicare for All are necessary and desirable, it's grotesquely irresponsible to pretend that a single president or congressional majority could deliver them. Barack Obama moved heaven and earth to get the Affordable Care Act passed, and he barely did it. Doing so came at the cost of the rest of his legislative agenda, Democratic control of Congress and the jobs of more than 1,000 elected officials of his own party.

Many wonderful things have come from visionaries asking, "Why not?" – airplanes, antibiotics, vaccines, nuclear power. But the difference between scientific breakthroughs and political transformations is profound. Science begins on paper and methodically builds upward from the drawing board. The sorts of transformations politicians promise, including President Donald Trump, try to work backward from the desired result. Science begins with A and works its way to Z. The zealots want to start with Z and work their way back to A later.

Our constitutional system was set up to work the other way around – to start small at the local level, letting successes build upward by the power of example and the building of consensus. In recent years, though, we have become convinced that the transformation trickles down from the president rather than up from the people.

What makes this approach so dangerous is that people believe it can work. The zealots tell voters, "All you have to do is elect me or my team, and your work is done." Then, when reality bites back, the politicians and activists don't say, "Hey, I was wrong. This is really hard." They don't blame the hard work required to forge compromise implicit in a democratic system; they blame the sinister forces – billionaires, globalists, greedy corporations, etc. – that stymied the revolution from above. And that makes sense if you actually believed their agenda was easy and cost-free in the first place.

The serpent asks, "Why not?" because he knows the question fuels chaos and anger. The politicians ask, "Why not?" because they know not what they do.

Jonah Goldberg is editor-in-chief of The Dispatch and the host of The Remnant podcast.

The improbable rise of Joe Biden

Steve Chapman

Donald Trump may have won the most unlikely presidential election victory in U.S. history. But no one has ever taken a longer, more treacherous road to the White House than Joe Biden. If he should win, he will confirm that in American politics, nothing is ever final.

He arrived in the U.S. Senate barely old enough to meet the constitutional age requirement of 30. He had eked out a long-shot victory over an incumbent Republican in 1972, even as the GOP presidential nominee, Richard Nixon, carried 49 states.

Biden's Senate career nearly ended before it began. His wife and year-old daughter died in an auto accident just weeks after his election. Consumed by grief and fearful of being away from his two young sons, who were injured in the crash, Biden decided to quit before taking office. His fellow Democratic senators finally persuaded him to "give it six months."

Initially, he had no enthusiasm for his new responsibilities. "I did what was necessary and no more," he wrote in his autobiography. "I later learned that staffers from other offices were laying bets: How long would Biden last in the job?"

His youth and views rankled some older senators, including a crusty Southerner who said: "They tell me you're the youngest man in the history of America ever elected to the U.S. Senate. Y'all keep making speeches like you made today and you gonna be the youngest one-term senator in the history of America."

Biden remarried, happily, and during his Senate years, he grew from the brash upstart to the respected veteran, chairing the Judiciary committee and the Foreign Relations committee. In 1987, he ran the confirmation hearings of Supreme Court nominee Robert Bork and was instrumental in Bork's defeat.

Biden, reported The New York Times at the time, "earned praise from all sides for the fairness and good humor with which he ran the proceedings. He also scored high points on substance in the face of widespread skepticism about whether he had the intellectual depth or the temperament to preside over hearings that promised to turn into a profound constitutional debate."

It was a performance that might have set up a presidential run – except that it came after Biden had entered the 1988 race and quit after being exposed for plagiarism in a law school paper and a campaign speech. It was a disaster that might have doomed his chances of reelection. If that weren't enough, he nearly died of two brain aneurysms in 1988.

He survived, physically and politically, but compiled a record that would later dog him. He presided over the Supreme Court confirmation hearings of Clarence Thomas and was criticized for failing to adequately pursue accusations of sexual harassment against the nominee. Biden took a leading role in passing the 1994 crime bill, which is now blamed for fostering the mass incarceration of Black men.

In 2007, he made a second bid for the presidency, only to drop out after getting just 1 percent of the vote in Iowa, as Barack Obama won with 38 percent. Biden's dismal showing was enough to bury his hopes of ever being president.

But Obama resurrected them by putting him on the ticket. As vice president for a popular outgoing president, Biden should have had an inside lane for the 2016 presidential nomination.

But no. He polled far worse than Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders, and the death of his son Beau in May 2015, effectively prevented him from running. When he announced he would not enter the race, Evan Osnos wrote in The New Yorker, "Biden is giving up his last chance at the role that he has always wanted."

That conclusion made sense, given Biden's age. When he decided to enter the 2020 race, it was easy to picture Democrats being captivated by some younger candidate, a woman or a person of color, instead of an elderly, gaffe-prone white man who seemed like a relic of the 20th century.

But when Democratic voters got their say, they preferred him, flaws and all. At the moment, so do Americans in general: In polls, Biden has held a consistent lead over Donald Trump for the past year.

When he rebounded to come in second in the 1992 New Hampshire primary, Bill Clinton dubbed himself "the Comeback Kid." If Biden wins on Nov. 3, it will cap a comeback like none American politics has ever seen.

Steve Chapman is a columnist for the Chicago Tribune.

LETTERS

BLM organization too political for mural

Editor,

I am writing today to oppose the Black Lives Matter mural for the following reasons.

First of all, Black Lives Matter is a Democratic Party-funded operation.

Donations to Black Lives Matter were sent to Democrat funding apparatus ActBlue and then to Thousand Currents, a non-for-profit entity with a terrorist from the Weather Underground on its board. That person was Susan Rosenberg, who was a member of the Weather Underground terrorist group, which included founder Bill Ayers. Then the Democrats and BLM moved the contributions from BLM to Thousand Currents then to George Soros-connected Tides Foundation.

The reason groups like Black Lives Matter were created was to promote Marxism, in which there has been a common thread in the global communist movement since 1997 and it is a system that people have heard very little to nothing about. It is called "social economy," an elaborate government-funded sector that produces very little in profits but consumes billions in tax dollars. Through government tax incentives, tax credits, grants, charities, foundations, non-profits and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), the government has been siphoning off the taxpayers' money to fund this social economy.

There has been an elaborate money-laundering scheme designed by corporations and their foundations to offset profit margins by re-investing in their foundations, while at the same time lobbying and pushing for governmental policy changes in favor of the social economy. The Tides Foundation, a George Soros-funded organization, refers to "The Hybrid Universe." The Hybrid Universe is defined by foundations and businesses bending governments to their will. The social economy is at the very heart of global mass migration.

This is why the Democratic Party today is a far left socialist party.

The other reason why I oppose the mural is that Ariel Atkins, an organizer with Black Lives Matter Chicago, said, "I don't care if someone decides to loot a Gucci … or a Macy's … or a Nike … because that makes sure that that person eats. That makes sure that person has clothes," Atkins said. "That's reparations. Anything they want to take, take it, because these businesses have insurance. They're gonna get their money back."

The National Review previously reported that the official chapter of Black Lives Matter in Chicago had come out in favor of the looting that took place in the city. In a press release, the organization said that "when protesters attack high-end retail stores that are owned by the wealthy and service the wealthy, that is not 'our' city and has never been meant for us" ... the mayor "has not provided black communities any alternative for demanding justice."

In closing, if you want to end racism, treat people as individuals, not as groups. That is what our Constitution is based on – individual rights and freedoms.

Michael Emlong
St. Joseph

Congress needs to pass stimulus bill

Editor,

I am writing this to both the Republican and Democratic parties.

You have had over four months to work on this since the first check came out. You need to get off your butts.

People are scared that they can't have the needs of food and a roof over their heads met if they don't get some help to deal with this COVID-19, which has caused a loss of jobs.

This is not something that could have been planned for.

Get the millions of people this help, not the big businesses. Let them try to live on what everybody else is living on now.

If you don't, you don't deserve your pay or the position you hold in the U.S. government. Forget the August vacations until you get this bill passed.

You are supposed to be the representatives of the people and working together to stop this mess.

I am only one person, but I there are a lot of people who feel the way I do.

Della Veit
Coloma

Make sure your votes get counted

Editor,

I saw Trump telling his supporters to vote in person. I fear that this is another dog whistle message that he and (Postmaster General) Louis Dejoy will quietly slow mail so that Democrat votes will arrive too late to be counted. These are things that happen in banana dictatorships, not the United States.

I don't care if you are a Democrat or Republican, is this the kind of system you want to live in? I strongly urge voters to drop off their absentee ballots at township and city halls or use a stamp. We can't allow this precedent to happen. It could be the end of democracy as we know it.

Robert Flood
St. Joseph

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ANOTHER OPINION

Leading means building

The Black Lives Matter movement began as a rallying cry. Created in 2013 by three women of color, BLM is a call to action, a push for honest conversations about racism in this country.

The "leaderful" and decentralized nature of BLM is both its strength and weakness. Local chapters are empowered to respond to conditions on the ground in their communities, but what is clearly missing is a leader who connects the dots and focuses the broader movement on its primary aims.

That BLM has lost the narrative was apparent in Chicago on Aug. 10 when local organizer Ariel Atkins announced at a rally that she doesn't care "if somebody decides to loot a Gucci's or a Macy's or a Nike because ... that makes sure that that person has clothes." Atkins defended the looting that took place in the city as reparations. "Anything they want to take, take it," Atkins said, "because these businesses have insurance."

Perception matters greatly. If the movement allows anyone to speak on its behalf, what is preventing the likes of Atkins from encouraging more crime and violence?

By design, the founders of Black Lives Matter – Patrisse Cullors, Alicia Garza and Opal Tometi – wrote themselves out of the story so they would not remain the focus. These smart, resilient, capable women are trained organizers who have built, sustained and funded BLM. That's why it's hard to understand why they do not want to lead it.

The civil rights movement was made possible because of the thousands of people who put in work behind the scenes; however, there were leaders out in front, summoning the nation to justice, bringing the conversation back to the true purpose of the movement, which was to see one another in our full humanity.

The work of BLM cannot just be about tearing down, it must be about rebuilding a more just society. The visionary founders of BLM have proved to be capable of expanding our imaginations. Now they need to regain the narrative – and lead.

– Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

OBITUARIES

Helen Marie Rybarski

June 18, 1921 – Aug. 18. 2020

Helen Marie Rybarski, 99, of Traverse City, Mich., passed away Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2020.

Helen was born June 18, 1921, in Hartford, to Frank and Dora (Ottinger) Bigelow. Helen married William (Bill) Albert Rybarski, on March 1, 1940, in Decatur. Helen and Bill lived in Decatur and farmed until 1976, when she moved into town. In 1981, she moved to Traverse City.

Helen enjoyed sewing and crocheting and was also known by her family as the "Yahtzee Queen." Helen loved to play games and cards with her family and friends.

Helen is survived by her two daughters: Marsha (Michael) Knight of Traverse City and Kathleen (Richard) Pittman of Huntsville, Texas; nine grandchildren: Michelle (Bernard) Mikowski of Suttons Bay, Mich., Christopher Knight of Bainbridge Island, Wash., Melissa (Brian) Hunziker of Huntsville, Texas, Jason (Megan) Pittman of The Woodlands, Texas, Taylor (Carly) Pittman of Cypress, Texas, Matthew Pittman of Huntsville, Texas, William (Tinesha) Rybarski of Kalamazoo, Robert (Dayna) Rybarski of Kalamazoo and Brittany Rybarski of Kalamazoo. She is also survived by her 21 great-grandchildren: Anna, Andrew, Cathryn Mikowski, Mark, Matthew and Nicholas Knight, Ashley and Brian Hunziker, Olivia, Adilynn, and Ethan Pittman, Landon, Weston, Alaina, Liam and Gabrielle Rybarski, Aleczander, Ethyn and Caralena Fisher, Chloe and Alexandra Back.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents; husband; daughter, Sandra; son, William; and two brothers: Raymond and Norman Bigelow.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, at Holy Family Catholic Church, 500 W. St. Mary St., Decatur, with Father Homic officiating. Burial will follow at Hamilton Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 10-10:45 a.m. Saturday, at Newell Chapel, 83313 M51, Decatur. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK, 73123. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.newell-chapel.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Newell Chapel & Cremation Services, Decatur.

Christopher Keech

Feb. 2, 1965 – Aug. 10, 2020

Christopher Keech of St. Joseph played his final encore and passed away Aug. 10, 2020.

A lifetime resident of Southwestern Michigan, Chris entertained us all with his talent as a musician and performer. His talent for music led him to teach, conduct, and share his talent both locally and around the world.

A Hartford High School graduate of 1983, Chris went on to serve in the U.S. Air Force, where he was chosen to perform in the prestigious ensemble "Tops in Blue," traveling to bases around the country as well as various special events. One such event included a Detroit Fourth of July celebration in front of over 500,000 people. Chris had such talent as a musician that he performed with such artists as The Temptations, Captain & Tennille and Michael Bolton. Chris also took his talent for playing to perform on cruise ships, traveling all across the globe.

After leaving the Air Force, he graduated with a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University and went on to become a music teacher and parapro in several schools throughout Southwestern Michigan, his most recent position being at Coloma Community Schools.

Chris's musical talent led him to be chosen as saxophone section leader and co-manager for the St. Joseph Municipal Band over the last 33 years.

Chris's wit, kind heart, and sheer talent will be missed by all who knew him, especially his family. His presence may be gone, but his music will carry on.

He was preceded in death by his parents: James (Ruth) Keech, and infant brother, Kiplan Thomas Keech, of Hartford.

Survivors include brothers: Timothy (Mary) of Kennewick, Wash., and Matthew (Gaytha) of Hartford; sister, Rachel (John Daly) of Mattawan; aunts: Sharyn Robbins-Kuempel (Kenneth) of Sawyer and Barbara Keech of Eau Claire; five nephews; one great-nephew; one niece; and four cousins.

Chris has been cremated. The family will welcome friends from 1-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27 at the Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford. A larger memorial celebration of his life will take place at a later date when current restrictions are relaxed. A private burial of his ashes will take place in Maple Hill Cemetery, Hartford. In lieu of flowers, the family asks memorial donations in Chris's name be made to Coloma Community Schools to support a future music scholarship in his name. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.calvin-leonardfh.com.

Death notices

Rev. H. Devon Allen, 77, of Benton Harbor died Aug. 21, 2020. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

Asante Bates, 4 months, died Aug. 16, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Garold Duane Bennitt, 87, of Palm Bay, Fla., formerly of Galien died Aug. 18, 2020. Pobocik Chapel, Wagner Family Funerals, Three Oaks, 756-3831.

Vernon Ralph Blakeman, 85, died July 30, 2020, in Clearwater, Fla.

JoAnn Habenicht, 80, of Buchanan died Aug. 20, 2020. Allred Funeral Home, Berrien Springs, 471-3729.

Christopher Keech, 55, of St. Joseph died Aug. 10, 2020. Calvin Leonard Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

Don Edward Mills, 76, of Hartford died Aug. 1, 2020. Calvin Leonard Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

Trudy Nesbitt, 62, of New Buffalo died Aug. 14, 2020. Pobocik Chapel, Wagner Family Funerals, Three Oaks, 756-3831.

Sharon Ann (Murphy) Niemi died Aug. 15, 2020. Clark Funeral Cremation Burial Services, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., 906-632-8221.

Richard P. 'Rick' Rimpel, 64, of Stevensville died Aug. 20, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Helen Marie Rybarski, 99, of Traverse City, Mich., died Aug. 18, 2020. Newell Chapel, Decatur, 423-2561.

Dean Stanage, 54, of Niles died Aug. 20, 2020. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Vernon Ralph Blakeman

Vernon Ralph Blakeman, 85, passed away Wednesday, July 30, 2020, in Clearwater, Fla.

Vern as a graduate of Benton Harbor High School and attended Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, where he was a Golden Glove boxer. He joined the U.S. Army and was stationed in Korea for two years. Vernon was a lifelong member of the Benton Harbor Elks Lodge #544, and a member of St. Bernard's Catholic Church.

Vern enjoyed spending time with his friends, golfing and loved playing cards. Having spent many winters in Florida, he relocated to the Sunshine State permanently. He was a rare combination of someone who had a love of life and a firm understanding of what was important – the simplicity of living a life with those you love. Vernie always had a smile and a laugh to share with friends, family and strangers alike.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Janet (Kolesar); his sons: Bruce (Cai Li) and Joel; his daughter, Rhonda; his brother, Perry Orton; and his beloved granddaughter, Samantha.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Margaret; father, Ralph; and sister, Janet.

The funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Aug. 29 at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, 555 E. Delaware Ave., Benton Harbor, followed by a blessing at Crystal Springs Cemetery, 1655 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor.

People wishing to honor Vern's life can make donations to the National Kidney Foundation: https://www.kidney.org/donation.

Asante Bates

April 16, 2020 – Aug. 16, 2020

Asante Bates, affectionately known to family and loved ones as Mr. Wiggles, was called home Sunday, Aug. 16, 2020.

Asante was born on April 16, 2020, in St. Joseph to Tinika Bates and Andrew Atterberry, both of Benton Harbor.

Asante was preceded in death by his great-grandparents: Josephine Sanders, Donell Jones and Roosevelt Bates Sr.

Asante leaves to cherish his memory: his mother, Tinika Bates; his father, Andrew Atterberry; his brothers: Tamarco Bates, Karter Atterberry, Zevion Gordon, Prince Atterberry and Quanterius Atterberry and his sister, Lovely Andriece Atterberry Bates, all of Benton Harbor; grandparents: Shelena Sanders (Jarmel Hayes of Paw Paw), Roosevelt Bates, Brena Cohn and Andrew Atterberry Sr.; great-grandmother, Lucy Johnson, all of Benton Harbor; aunts: Khanita Hudson, Tina Atterberry, Skyla Brown, Jasmine Bates and Miesha Fuller; great-aunt, Andrea Sanders: great-uncle and godfather, Charles Humburt; and great-great-uncles: Demtrius Jones and Damonec Jones, along with a host of aunties, uncles, cousins, family, friends, and godmothers: Daniya Newson and Velvet Haynes.

A celebration of life will be at 1 p.m. Aug. 26, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Service, 2650 Niles Road, St Joseph. Friends may visit with the family prior to the service from noon-1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow at North Shore Memory Gardens in Coloma. Those wishing to leave a message of condolence for the family may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Sharon Ann (Murphy) Niemi

May 24, 1963 – Aug. 15, 2020

Sharon Ann (Murphy) Niemi passed away peacefully Aug. 15, 2020, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on May 24, 1944, to John and Elva Murphy in Sault Ste. Marie (Soo), Mich.

She graduated from the Soo High School in 1962 and attended Northern Michigan University. She married Paul F. Niemi on March 30, 1963. She moved to the St. Joseph Michigan area in 1963 where she was a stay at home mother, and then became a U.S. postal carrier with the Post Office.

After an early retirement she and Paul moved back to the Soo, where she remained for the rest of her life.

She loved volunteering her time at Tendercare with her care dog Lucy. She developed the No One dies Alone program at Tendercare, and would sit with the terminally ill to comfort them. Sharon made thousands of teddy bears for various facilities and people. In 2005, she was awarded the Healthcare Association of Michigan Volunteer of the Year award.

She is survived by her loving husband, Paul; son, Michael (Lisa) Niemi; son, Steven (Denise) Niemi; and daughter, Karen (Sean) Thielke. She is also survived by her brother, Donald (Carol) Murphy, Brian Michael Murphy, and family friend, Jay Foster.

She truly loved her grandchildren: Elyssa, Halee, Leagha, Kalli, Avy, Austin, Morgan and Grayson, along with her nephews: Kevin, John and Mark Murphy.

She was preceded in death by her Gramma Pete; father, John Murphy; mother, Elva LaCombe; stepfather, Oral 'Moose' LaCombe; brother, Owen 'Tuffy' Murphy; nephew, Timothy Murphy; and three dogs, Kimmy, Megan and Lucy.

A memorial will be announced at a later time. In lieu of flowers, donations should be to the Hospice of the EUP, 308 W. 12th Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, or the local Humane Society. Clark Funeral Cremation Burial Services in Sault Ste. Marie assisted the family with arrangements.

Garold Duane Bennitt

Aug. 18, 2020 – July 8, 1933

Garold Duane Bennitt, 87, of Palm Bay, Fla., formerly of Galien died peacefully Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2020 in the comfort of his family's presence.

He was born July 8, 1933, in Buchanan, one of nine children born to Francis and Bessie Bennitt. He married Shirley Ann Schinske June 23, 1972, in Michigan. She preceded him in death Oct. 3, 2009.

Garold loved his 1950 Light Blue Cadillac, old cars and motorcycles. He like to hunt with family and friends. He was a homebody and enjoyed working in the yard and doing puzzles, which he would glue and hang at home. He was a Jimmy Buffett fan and his favorite song was "It's Five O'Clock Somewhere."

Garold will be greatly missed by family and friends. He is survived by two daughters: Jeanne (Dan) Shelton of Berrien Springs, Beth (Tom) Tompkins of Three Oaks; one step-son, Tom (Renee') Schinske of Malabar, Fla.; five grandchildren: Amy, Colleen, and Lucas (Danelle) Shelton, Chris (Tracey) and Don (Rachael) Tompkins; two step-grandchildren: T.J. (Angela) and Melissa (Frank); 10 great-grandchildren: Katie, Danielle, Robert, Josephine, Jason, Emmitt, Naomi, Gabe, Hannah, Colin; two step-great-grandchildren: Ty and Dean; four great-great-grandchildren: Meladee, Moon, Mace, Milo; one sister, Shirley Peterson of Buchanan; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Garold was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; two brothers: Robert and Paul; and five sisters: Mabel, Betty, Vivian, Dolores, and Ruthie.

Family and friends will gather from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, in Pobocik Chapel Wagner Family Funerals, 106 Ash St. East, Three Oaks.

The family will observe a private burial in Galien Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Garold's memory may be made to Berrien County Cancer Services, 3900 Hollywood Road, St. Joseph, MI 49085.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Pobocik Chapel Wagner Family Funerals, Three Oaks. Please share a memory or a message online: wagnercares.com.

Trudy Nesbitt

Feb. 10, 1958 – Aug. 14, 2020

Trudy Nesbitt, 62, of New Buffalo died peacefully Friday, Aug. 14, 2020 in the comfort of her family's presence.

She was born Feb. 10, 1958, in DeWitt, Ark., to Isaiah Thomas and Verdie Mae Pitts.

Trudy loved her family and was an amazing mom and grandma. She enjoyed working and life. She never met a stranger. She would give the shirt off her back to those in need.

Trudy will be greatly missed by family and friends. She is survived by one daughter, Kimbly (Chris Zebell) Nesbitt of New Buffalo; one son, Kehinde Nesbitt of Brigman; 20 grandchildren; one great-grandchild on the way; sister, Vicky Pitts of Union Pier; brothers: Glenn Pitts of Long Beach, Calif., Frank Pitts of DeWitt, Ark.; aunt, Gertrude Smith of Union Pier; niece, Nikki Martin of Union Pier; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Trudy was preceded in death by her parents; and two grandchildren: Sebastian Nesbitt and Mitchell Nesbitt.

The family will observe a private remembrance.

The family prefers contributions in Trudy's name be made to the National Kidney Foundation, Finance Department, 30 East 33rd Street, New York, NY 10016, or the American Diabetes Association, 2451 Crystal Drive, Suite 900, Arlington, VA 22202.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Pobocik Chapel Wagner Family Funerals, Three Oaks. Please share a memory or a message online: wagnercares.com.

Richard P. 'Rick' Rimpel

Aug. 23, 1955 – Aug. 20, 2020

Richard P. 'Rick' Rimpel, 64, of Stevensville passed away Thursday, Aug. 20, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

A service will be at a later date, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Stevensville. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2673 W. John Beers Rd., Stevensville. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel & Cremation Services, St. Joseph.

Rick was born Aug. 23, 1955, to John and Betty (Boyd) Rimpel, in St. Joseph. He graduated with the class of 1973, from Lakeshore High School, he then continued his education at Lake Michigan College and Andrews University. On June 2, 1979, Rick married the love of his life, Bonnie Charleston, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Stevensville. Rick worked as an engineer, most recently for State Tool & Manufacturing, before his retirement at the age of 60. Rick enjoyed collecting tools and tinkering around in his workshop. Most of all he loved to spend his time with his family.

Rick is survived by his wife of 41 years, Bonnie Rimpel, of Stevensville; daughter, Sarah Rimpel of Bridgman; siblings: Susan Rimpel Birnie of Pennsylvania and Ron Rimpel of St. Joseph; and beloved dog, Snickerdoodle.

Rick was preceded in death by his parents: John and Betty Rimpel and brothers: John and Mark Rimpel.

Don Edward Mills

July 16, 1944 – Aug. 1, 2020

Don Edward Mills, 76, of Hartford passed away Saturday, Aug. 1, 2020 at Caretel Inns of Lakeland, Royalton Township.

Don was born July 16, 1944, in Watervliet, the son of Edward and Bessie (Hickman) Mills, both of whom precede him in passing. Also preceding him in passing are a son, Kevin Mills, and a sister, Anna Lee Mills.

Don was formerly employed with Contech, LLC in Dowagiac. He was a lifetime member of the Van Buren Sportsman's Club and served his community as a member of the Keeler Fire Department from 1986 to 1995.

Don is survived by three daughters: Marciella Mills of Gray Summit, Mo., Tracy (Robert) Slinkard of House Springs, Mo., and Angelia (Pete) Hernandez of St. Louis, Mo.; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Myron Salnave.

As per Don's wishes, cremation has taken place, and a memorial celebration of life will take place at a later date when current restrictions are relaxed. The family has entrusted the Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, with arrangements. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.calvin-leonardfh.com.

Getting it straight

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

Three Southwest Michigan athletes made up the Team Shepherd squad which won the relay event in Sunday's Schu's International Triathlon in St. Joseph. David Shepherd of Watervliet did the 1,500 meters swimming portion of the event, while Dave Anstey of Stevensville handled the 40K bicycle event and Nick Watson of St. Joseph the 10K run.

1985 – 35 years ago

The Three Oaks Police Department is sponsoring a new child identification and protection program. Called "Child Registry", the program gives police a tool to use in finding and identifying missing children, and can deter would-be kidnappers, according to Police Chief Frank Nekvasil.

1970 – 50 years ago

The grand champion market steer of the 25th annual Berrien County Youth Fair, a 1,145 pound Angus-Hereford cross owned by Tom Walton of Three Oaks was purchased yesterday by De Baun Williamson owner of Dee's Food Market in Harbert. He paid $1.40 per pound for the overall champion. Williamson, as usual was a busy buyer this year. He also bought the grand champion market hog from Dale Robson of Niles for $643.50 ($3.30 per pound).

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Saturday, Aug. 22, the 235th day of 2020. There are 131 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On August 22, 1972, President Richard Nixon was nominated for a second term of office by the Republican National Convention in Miami Beach.

On this date:

In 1846, Gen. Stephen W. Kearny proclaimed all of New Mexico a territory of the United States.

In 1851, the schooner America outraced more than a dozen British vessels off the English coast to win a trophy that came to be known as the America's Cup.

In 1862, French composer Claude Debussy was born in Saint-Germain-en-Laye.

In 1910, Japan annexed Korea, which remained under Japanese control until the end of World War II.

In 1914, Austria-Hungary declared war against Belgium.

In 1978, President Jomo Kenyatta, a leading figure in Kenya's struggle for independence, died; Vice President Daniel arap Moi was sworn in as acting president.

In 1986, Kerr-McGee Corp. agreed to pay the estate of the late Karen Silkwood $1.38 million, settling a 10-year-old nuclear contamination lawsuit. The Rob Reiner coming-of-age film "Stand By Me" was put into wide release by Columbia Pictures.

In 1989, Black Panthers co-founder Huey P. Newton was shot to death in Oakland, California. (Gunman Tyrone Robinson was later sentenced to 32 years to life in prison.)

In 1996, President Bill Clinton signed welfare legislation ending guaranteed cash payments to the poor and demanding work from recipients.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Sunny	Clear	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny
84°	66°	86° / 67°	85° / 68°	86° / 66°	88° / 68°

Local Outlook

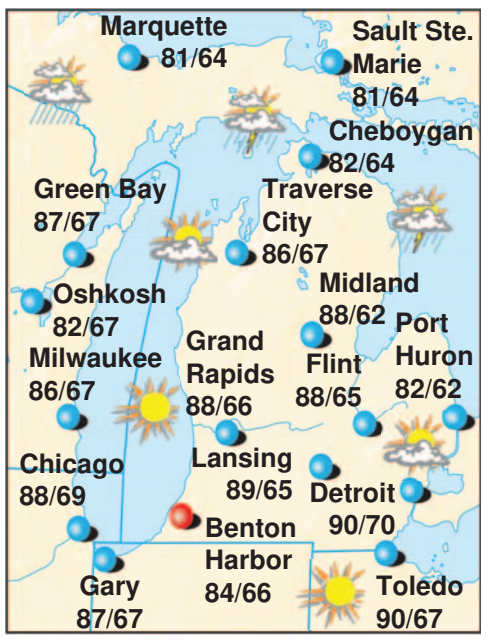
Today we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 84°, humidity of 56%. South southwest wind 3 to 7 mph. Expect clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 66°. South wind 2 to 5 mph. Sunday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high of 86°, humidity of 56%.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 7:01 a.m.
Sunset ..... 8:34 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 11:06 a.m.
Moonset ..... 10:57 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
8/25	9/2	9/10	9/17

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	85°
Low	51°
Normal High	80°
Normal Low	61°
Record High	95° in 2003
Record Low	49° in 2000

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	1.29"
Normal for month	2.91"
Year to date	25.74"
Normal Year to date	24.14"

Air Quality

Yesterday 62
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

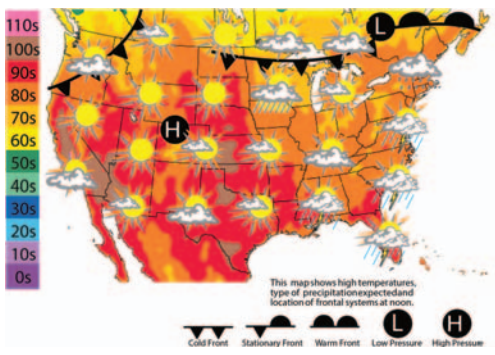
Weather Trivia

Is there such a thing as Heat Lightning?

Answer: No. The storm is too far away to be able to hear the thunder.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Aug. 22, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, S wind 5 to 7 kt. Sunny. Waves around 1 ft. Water temperature 73 degrees. Tonight, SE wind 5 to 8 kt. Mostly clear. Waves around 1 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms, highs in the 80s. South southeast wind 2 to 6 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Sunday with scattered showers and thunderstorms, highs in the 70s and 80s.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be sunny with highs in the 80s and 90s. South southwest wind 3 to 7 mph. Expect mostly sunny skies Sunday with highs in the 80s and 90s. Southwest wind 5 to 8 mph.

POWERS

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said the later law specifically includes an epidemic in the definition of a disaster – therefore requiring that legislators have a say – while the older law does not. The majority's statements, he said, "mean that a governor can order anything, forever, a truly striking concept in a democratic republic."

Whitmer spokeswoman Tiffany Brown said the court "handed the governor a complete and decisive win in her efforts to protect the people of Michigan from this once-in-a-lifetime global pandemic."

Republicans vowed to appeal.

"No governor, Republican or Democrat, can have unilateral control over a state based solely on their judgment. This precedent is extremely dangerous," said House Speaker Lee Chatfield.

Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey said this week that a group had collected more than 200,000 signatures for legislation to repeal the 1945 law. If the ballot drive gathers about 340,000 valid signatures, the House and Senate could pass the bill and Whitmer would be unable to veto it.

The governor has said she is assessing whether to let more businesses reopen after five months of closure. The Michigan Fitness Club Association said Friday that Michigan is among just a handful of states where gyms have not been allowed to open statewide.

"Gyms are part of the solution, not the problem. We are not a spreader of COVID-19. We have spent significant sums of dollars preparing our gyms and fitness facilities to reopen," said Ed Eickhoff, chief operating officer of PFMG Development, the real estate arm of Planet Fitness' Michigan group.

Also Friday, the federal government approved Michigan to provide an additional $300 weekly benefit to 910,000 unemployed residents.

The aid, which is retroactive to Aug. 1, is an addition to the state's regular maximum payment of $362 a week. A larger supplemental $600 weekly federal benefit expired weeks ago.

Whitmer said it is "good news" for people who remain out of work during the pandemic but again called it a "short-term Band-Aid." President Donald Trump signed an order adding the benefit after he and Congress failed to agree to a broader new pandemic relief plan.

Whitmer's administration decided against offering a $400 supplemental benefit because it would have had to chip in $100 toward the higher amount.

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Berrien's new COVID-19 cases hold steady this week

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Berrien County has kept a steady rate of new COVID-19 cases for about two weeks now, the Berrien County Health Department (BCHD) reported Friday.

New cases average out to about 11.5 new cases per day.

Since last Friday, Berrien County gained 66 new COVID-19 cases, 74 recoveries and two deaths.

The previous week the county recorded 82 cases, 83 recoveries and two deaths.

With deaths and recoveries, the county was at about 86 active COVID-19 cases Friday. That's down from 96 the week before and 99 the week before that.

In total, the county now has had 1,317 cases, 1,162 recoveries, 69 deaths and 244 presumed cases. The county added two presumed cases over last week.

Berrien County is also holding steady with its 3 percent average positivity rate, according to the BCHD. That's the number of tests coming back positive.

As of Tuesday, the state reported the county was doing an average of 570 tests a day.

In addition, Spectrum Health Lakeland's COVID-19 patient count has steadily dropped over the last few weeks, from 13 patients on Aug. 7, to seven patients on Aug. 14 and four patients Friday morning.

No new outbreaks at long-term care facilities were reported this week in Berrien, Cass or Van Buren counties.

Van Buren/Cass

The Van Buren Cass District Health Department released its weekly tally of recovered COVID-19 patients Friday.

Van Buren County now has 303 people recovered. That's an addition of 40 recoveries over last week. The week before, the county added 26 recoveries.

Cass County now has 216 people recovered. That's an addition of 26 recoveries since last week. The week before, the county added 17 recoveries.

Cass County added two COVID-19 deaths this week and Van Buren County added three.

With deaths and recoveries, Cass County had about 116 active COVID-19 cases as of Thursday. That's down from 120 last Friday and 123 the week before.

Van Buren County had about 158 active cases as of Thursday. That's down from 173 last Friday and up from 153 the week before.

Both counties are still averaging between a 3 and 5 percent positivity rate for COVID-19 tests.

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BOAT, MEET BARGE

Don Campbell / HP staff

A boat cruises past the massive LaFarge barge Innovation during a stop by the barge Friday in St. Joseph.

Upton backs Democratic-led boost for USPS

By HP STAFF

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Fred Upton is supporting an effort to better fund the U.S. Postal Service ahead of the upcoming presidential election, but acknowledges a bill being voted on in the House has little chance to gain Senate approval.

Upton, R-St. Joseph, said Friday in a news release that he would be traveling to Washington for an expected vote today to block postal cutbacks and to spend $25 billion to shore up operations.

"Over the past several weeks, folks from around Southwest Michigan have called about noticeable slow downs with our mail. One individual was waiting on critical medical supplies that were not being delivered. News reports indicated mail sorters were being removed at facilities. And after my visit on Thursday to one of the largest post offices in my district, it was clear that they needed more support," Upton said in the release.

"I have been fighting for emergency USPS funding to ensure that our seniors, veterans, and folks across Michigan can receive their mail, prescription drugs, and a number of other materials seamlessly via the Postal Service."

Upton said interest in the issue is very keen across the 6th District.

"My offices have received close to 1,000 emails and letters from folks across Southwest Michigan recently urging such action. And that's why tomorrow (Saturday) I intend to vote for and expect the House to pass this legislation with broad support to protect our postal services."

The Senate, controlled by fellow Republicans, is unlikely to back the effort, Upton said.

"I believe it is unlikely the U.S. Senate will vote on this legislation after we pass it. But I do think it sends a signal that this legislation should be part of any bipartisan future COVID-19 relief package, included with additional support for local services, schools, workers, and small businesses," he said.

Covert, Bangor announce plans for fall learning

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

COVERT — Two of Van Buren County's smaller school districts will begin the school year Aug. 31 by offering both in-person and online instruction.

Covert and Bangor public school district officials said they made the decision to do so after surveying parents and determining the best way to teach students, while also controlling the spread of coronavirus.

Unlike some larger school districts in Michigan opting for virtual instruction this fall during the pandemic, Covert plans to open its school doors for in-person classes for younger grades, while older students will learn online at home. Covert is a class D district.

"Students in grades Pre-K through 9 will return for in-person learning," District Superintendent Yolanda Brunt explained. "Grades 10, 11, and 12 will be virtual."

Parents who worry about a possible uptick in coronavirus cases when their children return to school will be accommodated, Brunt assured.

"Although we are bringing students back pre-K through 9th-grade, parents of those students do have the option to do virtual learning instead," she said.

Bangor is also offering a variety of learning plans for students and parents. The class C school district plans to offer two enrollment options.

The first one is being referred to as a "hybrid model" in which students will attend school two days per week and three days online.

In an effort to limit the number of students in school buildings, the district is separating students into two groups, designated as "red" and "white," according to the district's return-to-school plan.

At South Walnut Elementary School for instance, students in the red group will attend class on Monday and Tuesday, while the white group will be in class on Thursday and Friday. Middle and high school students in the red and white groups will follow the same schedule.

As the fall months unfold, district leaders will monitor how the combination in-person/remote learning plan is working.

"The hybrid model will be re-evaluated at the end of the first marking period," the return-to-learning plan stated.

For parents uneasy about their children being in the classroom, the district is offering a second option – 100-percent online virtual learning. However, families who choose that option will have to do so for at least one semester.

Unity rally planned in commemoration of MLK's historic speech

Event will be next Saturday in BH

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — In 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. gave his "I Have A Dream" speech, when he dreamed that one day, Black and white people would be treated equally.

The 57th anniversary of that speech will be celebrated at a local unity rally starting at 3 p.m. Aug. 29 at Dwight Pete Mitchell Park in Benton Harbor.

Community organizer Trenton Bowens said the rally will serve as the launch a new Stronger Together community campaign, being sponsored by Neighbors Organizing Against Racism. More information and a link to the Gofundme page supporting the effort can be found on the Facebook page – Berrien County Forward.

Bowens said that the marches have died down since George Floyd's death in May at the hands of police officers, but the problems remain.

He said the rally will be a continued call for action to end police brutality and racial injustice.

"It's still an SOS in the Black community," he said. "We still have a long way to go."

Bowens said some reform has happened, but not enough.

"You have some companies putting out statements, Black Lives Matter," he said. "Some people are trying to become more aware. But some of these companies, at the same time they are making these statements, their staff does not reflect what their statements are saying."

Bowens also helped organize the St. Joseph/Benton Harbor Peace March in June and the painting of the Black Lives Matter mural in front of Benton Harbor High School earlier this month.

He observed that many white people attended those events as they strived to learn more about the racial divide.

"When you go to our rallies, it's diversified," he said. "I do believe we've come a long way in Southwest Michigan this summer, but we've still got a ways to go."

He added that many white people have kept in touch with him through Facebook, wanting to learn more.

"They inbox me. They want to know more about white privilege and everything," he said. "They want to know how they can get involved, how they can help."

However, he believes a lot of people are hanging on to their racist rhetoric, as seen

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9 arrested in VB sweep of outstanding warrants

PAW PAW — Van Buren County Sheriff's Office has arrested nine people with outstanding warrants, mainly related to drug charges.

The sheriff's office conducted a fugitive sweep throughout the county on Wednesday to arrest subjects wanted on outstanding felony warrants, according to a news release.

The sheriff's divisions conducting the sweep were comprised of the criminal investigations division, narcotics unit and the uniform response division. During the sweep seven felony arrests and one misdemeanor arrests were made, and all subjects were lodged at the Van Buren County Jail. Covid-19 precautions were employed for the safety of the inmates and personnel. New criminal investigations related to the sweeps were opened and are actively being investigated.

The following people with outstanding warrants were arrested: Laura Faye McCoy, 55, felony for possession of methamphetamine; Fred Sidney Fey, 58, felony for possession of methamphetamine; Brandy Lynn Smith, 39, felony for possession of controlled substance; Dale Eugene Parish Sr., 47, felony for possession of methamphetamine; Dwight Edward Whitson, 64, felony for operating under the influence 3rd offense; Christopher Michael Pitcock, 31, felony, three counts of delivering controlled substance; Keith Wayne Hooper, 27, felony for possession of methamphetamine; LeeAnn Morgan Terry, 28, felony for possession of methamphetamine; Dannielle Modena Petty, 30, misdemeanor for failure to appear on original charge for operating under the influence.

BERRIEN COUNTY TRIAL COURT

Sentences

St. Joseph

Assault

Tyriese D. Williams Jr., 26, of Blossom Lane, Benton Harbor, 45 days in jail, credit for 18 days served, for assaulting/resisting and obstructing Benton Township Police Officer Scott Scalf and assault or assault and battery upon Joquay Travis; and a concurrent term of 45 days and $1,698 in fines and costs, 2 years probation and completion of the Kalamazoo Probation Enhancement Program for fourth-degree fleeing police Dec. 31, 2019, in Benton Township.

Larceny

Niesha M. Walker, 20, of River Terrace, Benton Harbor, 6 days in jail, credit for 6 days served, $2,418 in fines and costs, 120 days on tether and 2 years probation for larceny in a building, June 7 at a house in Benton Township.

Other

Corey M. Bland Jr., 19, of Thresher Avenue, Benton Harbor, 26 days in jail, credit for 26 days served, $1,618 in fines and costs, $3,802 in restitution, 60 days on tether and 2 years probation for unlawful use of a motor vehicle April 4 in Royalton Township.

Niles

Weapons violation

Jeremy M. Grierson, 34, of Barron Lake Road, Niles, 90 days in jail, credit for 46 days served, $598 in fines and costs, 2 years probation and forfeiture of a pistol and ammunition for possession of weapons/ammunition by a felon June 26 in Niles.

IN BRIEF

I&M plans SJ power outage early Sunday

ST. JOSEPH — A major portion of businesses and residential areas in St. Joseph will be without power early Sunday morning.

Indiana Michigan Power (I&M) is planning a power interruption to complete maintenance work at the Langley/Ann Street booster station, the St. Joseph Department of Public Works reported Friday afternoon.

The outage is expected to last from 1:30 a.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday.

The department of public works reminded drivers that traffic intersections with inoperable lights should be treated as a 4-way stop.

For more information about I&M power outages, visit www.indianamichiganpower.com/outages.

United Way issues self-guided equity challenge

ST. JOSEPH — The United Way of Southwest Michigan is challenging the community to a self-guided learning journey to learn about the history and impacts of racism and how it has shaped the lives of people in Southwest Michigan.

The 21-day Equity Challenge will run from Sept. 8-28.

Participants will get an email each day with a prompt and a short reading, video or audio file. They are then encouraged to take 10-15 minutes to consider the material in the prompt.

The daily prompts will explore many different facets of racism and how they intersect with other social and economic issues, as well as provide guidance on building a race equity culture and becoming an ally. The prompts also offer tools for the racial equity change process and ways to take action in the community.

To signup, and for more information, visit www.uwsm.org/21-day-equity-challenge.

Judge won't stop virus tests for migrant farm

KALAMAZOO (AP) — A federal judge on Friday refused to block a requirement that Michigan's migrant farm workers get tested for the coronavirus, rejecting claims that it violates the rights of Hispanics.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of a handful of workers as well as some fruit producers. But farm worker advocates told the judge they're in favor of the tests. Compliance starts Monday under an order from the state health department.

RALLY

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by the opposition to efforts to paint a Black Lives Matter mural in St. Joseph.

"We can't be a world class community until we address this," he said.

At the last St. Joseph City Commission meeting, one person opposed the mural because he said the Twin Cities doesn't have a problem and the mural represents a Marxist agenda.

St. Joseph Commissioner Peggy Getty said residents told her that they want St. Joseph to remain a "nice, quiet community" and they wanted to "avoid rocking the boat."

Commissioner Lynn Todman said she was disturbed by the coded language that included phrases like "silent majority," "I got a lot of black friends" and "quiet neighborhood."

Bowens believes the fight against racism can't let up.

"We're living in some interesting times in Southwest Michigan," he said. "So I'm going to continue to host rallies. I'm going to continue to make noise and call for change."

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Nearly half the population at a state prison tests positive for COVID-19

By ANGIE JACKSON
Detroit Free Press

MUSKEGON — Nearly half the men incarcerated at a west Michigan prison have tested positive for COVID-19, a surge in hundreds of infections since the facility saw its first confirmed case in late July.

As of Thursday evening, 612 prisoners at Muskegon Correctional Facility – 47 percent of the population of 1,296 people – and 15 staff were confirmed to have the virus.

Men incarcerated there told the Free Press they feel it's inevitable that the virus will spread even further behind the prison's walls. They fear for their health and are especially worried about prisoners with underlying medical conditions.

And prisoners such as 30-year-old Kory Gross said they fault the department for what they say was an inadequate response to the recent outbreak after Muskegon Correctional Facility went unscathed for months.

MDOC spokeswoman Holly Kramer said when the new cases emerged, the department planned for facility-wide testing to identify potential asymptomatic carriers and to "take steps to protect the health and well-being of prisoners, especially those most vulnerable." She said health care staff are watching for prisoners with symptoms and providing information on the signs of COVID-19.

The virus tore through other prisons earlier in the pandemic, but an initial round of mass testing of Muskegon Correctional Facility's prisoners in May turned up no cases of the virus. The first case was confirmed July 27, and the ensuing outbreak prompted the prison to retest its entire population multiple times this month.

"We had several months. Our very first test, the whole compound tested negative," said Gross, who had not contracted the virus as of Monday. "I feel like they had way more time to prepare. It was only a matter of time before it got in here."

Gross and others allege that the facility allowed prisoners who'd tested positive to mix with the general population before isolating them in designated areas of the prison.

Graham Crawford, 38, is a prisoner assigned to a housing unit for negative cases. He said he saw a prisoner who tested positive moving around the unit, potentially exposing others, while that prisoner waited for staff to take him to another area of the prison last week.

"There was a guy that knew he was positive, standing in front of the fan in front of a group of six or seven of us waiting for the shower," Crawford said. "He was told he was positive and he was packed up and waiting to move. ... Standing in front of a 30-inch fan with his mask off."

The Department of Corrections maintains that prisoners confirmed to have COVID-19 have been isolated "as soon as possible" after their results came back. Prisoners identified as close contacts of people who've tested positive are isolated separately.

"When we are notified of the positives, that is communicated as fast as we can to get them separated. They pack immediately and are moved," Kramer said in an email.

Sparks flying off a fire

Since the first case in March, 4,620 of 37,497 state prisoners have tested positive for COVID-19. Sixty-eight prisoners have died.

Active cases had plummeted by July, when MDOC reported just 11 active infections among Michigan's prison population.

The surge in cases at Muskegon, a smaller outbreak at Newberry Correctional Facility in the Upper Peninsula and additional infections at seven other prisons brought MDOC's tally up to 548 active cases among prisoners as of Thursday.

Seven prisoners with COVID-19 are being cared for in community hospitals, and one is on a ventilator, Kramer said Wednesday evening. Twenty-nine sick prisoners are at the department's Duane Waters Health Center in Jackson, which houses prisoners whose medical needs can't be met at other correctional facilities.

At Newberry Correctional Facility, cases inside the prison have far surpassed those in the surrounding community. The prison has reported 116 prisoner infections – all but one from an outbreak first confirmed Aug. 5 – and four staff cases. Luce County, where the prison is located, has had four cases, according to data from the state. The community tally includes Department of Corrections staff if they are residents of the county.

When there aren't a high number of infections in the surrounding community, the likelihood of the virus entering a prison and leading to an outbreak involves a certain amount of chance, said Dr. Adam Lauring, associate professor of infectious diseases and microbiology and immunology at the University of Michigan.

Lauring likened the situation to sparks flying off a fire.

"Where the spark lands is kind of random sometimes. If there's a lot of sparks, you can have fires all the way around. But if there's just sparks here and there, it's really just wherever that spark happens to land that ignites the new fire," he said.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services on Wednesday issued an emergency order requiring COVID-19 testing for Department of Corrections staff who work in prisons or come into contact with prisoners on the job. MDOC has been offering free testing to staff since late spring, but it had been voluntary before the order.

As of Thursday, 442 staff have tested positive. Three have died.

'I felt like I had no dignity'

At Muskegon Correctional Facility, all prisoners are being treated as if they have been in close contact with someone who has the virus, Kramer said. She said all prisoners have received meals and medication delivered to their housing units since Aug. 14.

Prisoners with COVID-19 are being isolated in two housing units, and bunks have been set up in the gym and in the programs building.

Earlier this month, Crawford said he was moved to a housing unit for negative cases, and men confirmed to have COVID-19 were moved out of the unit earlier that day. He said his cell was dirty when he arrived and that other prisoners said the cells had not been cleaned. Crawford said he used a diluted bleach solution and a rag to clean the room while wearing gloves.

"I felt like I had no dignity. I felt like my rights were being violated," he said.

Sharon Sheard of Grand Rapids said her husband, who has tested negative for the virus, didn't immediately get access to bleach to clean his cell at Muskegon Correctional Facility when he was moved to a unit that previously housed prisoners who'd tested positive.

"Their rooms were not clean. There was no bleach," she said, adding that he told her that he was later given bleach. "He had to sleep in there overnight with that room dirty."

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ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, EAT!
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THIS GUY IS GOING TO BE TOUGH TO BEAT!
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ARE YOU TAKING A NAP, MR. B.?
I'M TRYING TO, ELMO
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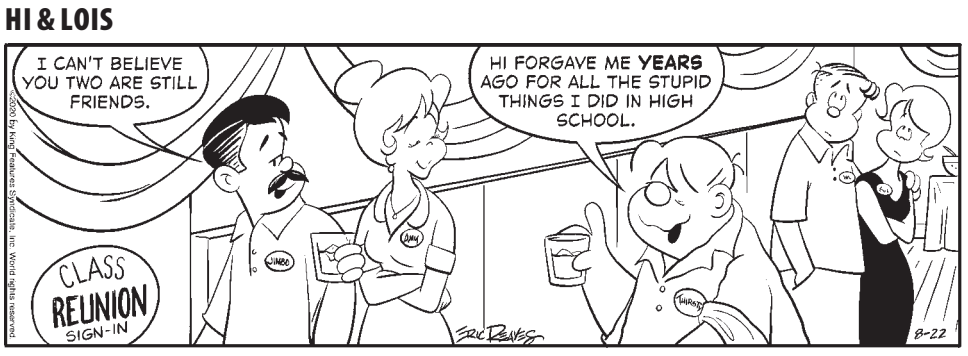
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU TWO ARE STILL FRIENDS.
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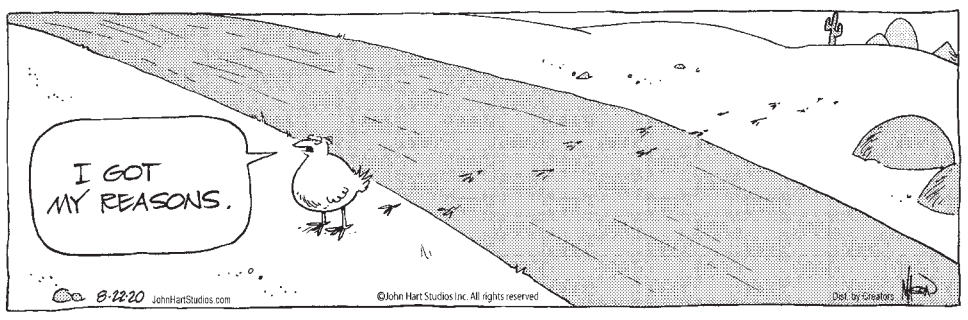

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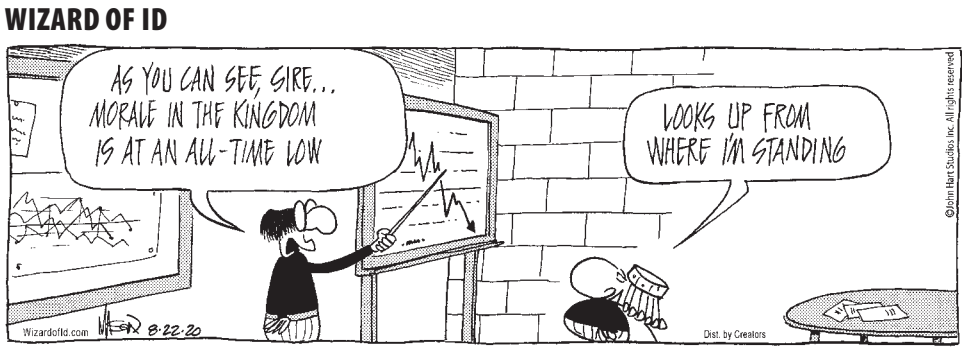
AS YOU CAN SEE, SIRE... MORALE IN THE KINGDOM IS AT AN ALL-TIME LOW
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OUR 5G TEST ACCIDENTALLY OPENED A DOORWAY TO THE DEMON WORLD.
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LET'S KEEP THAT TO OURSELVES SO WE DON'T SPOOK THE PUBLIC.
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DON'T TELL ME. TELL DARYLL.
HEY, NICE WORLD YOU HAVE HERE.

GARFIELD

I'M COOL
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WHO WANTS A FISH-FLAVORED NUM-NUM?!
ME! ME! ME!
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AND YOU DIDN'T SEE THAT
JIM DAVIS 8-22

FORT KNOX

I WENT TO THE DENTIST!
SO YOU HAD THEM TAKE CARE OF YOUR BROKEN TOOTH?
YEAH AND I WAS SHOCKED AT HOW EASY IT WAS.
SO NO NEED TO HAVE PEARL KNOCK IT OUT?
NO, BUT I'M AFRAID TO TELL HER.
WHY?
BATTER UP!!
SLUGGER
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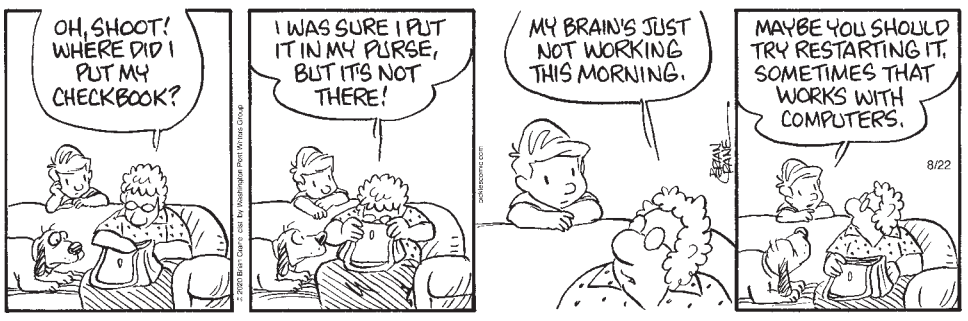
OH, SHOOT! WHERE DID I PUT MY CHECKBOOK?
I WAS SURE I PUT IT IN MY PURSE, BUT IT'S NOT THERE!
MY BRAIN'S JUST NOT WORKING THIS MORNING.
MAYBE YOU SHOULD TRY RESTARTING IT. SOMETIMES THAT WORKS WITH COMPUTERS.
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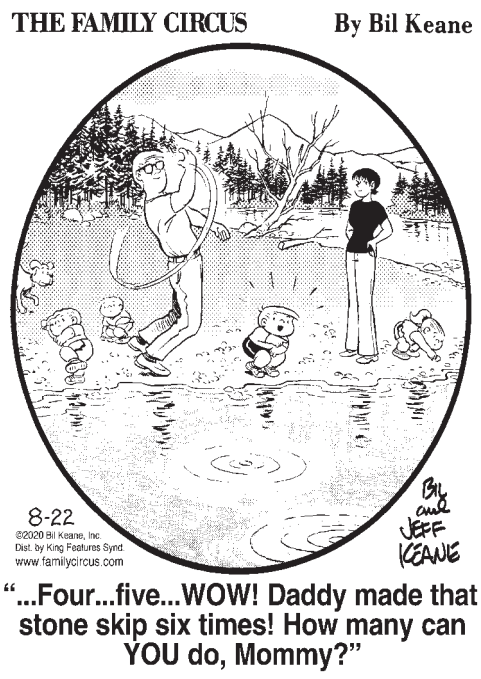
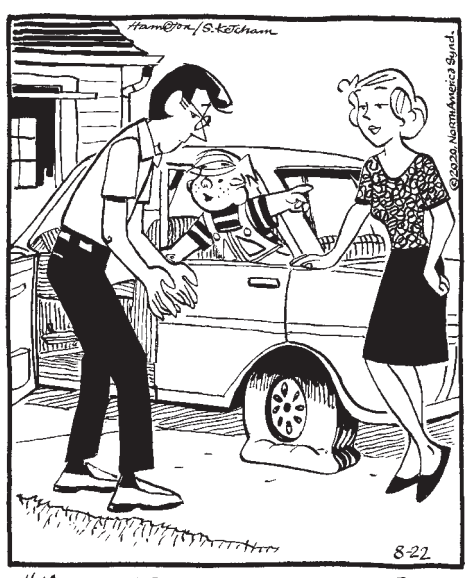
FAMILY CIRCUS



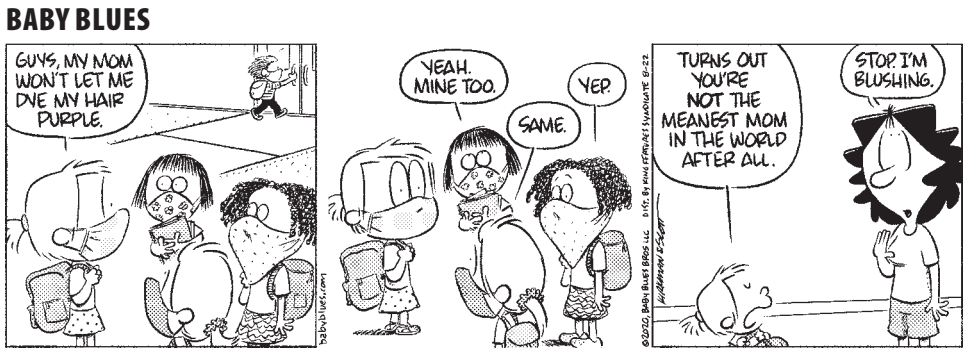
"...Four...five...WOW! Daddy made that stone skip six times! How many can YOU do, Mommy?"

DENNIS THE MENACE



"MOM CAN BRING IT BACK TO LIFE, DAD. JUST WATCH HER OPERATE."

BABY BLUES


GUYS, MY MOM WON'T LET ME DYE MY HAIR PURPLE.
YEAH. MINE TOO.
SAME.
YEP.
TURNS OUT YOU'RE NOT THE MEANEST MOM IN THE WORLD AFTER ALL.
STOP. I'M BLUSHING.
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CURTIS

YOU SHOULDN'T FEEL BAD ABOUT YOUR WEIGHT, MICHELLE
I GOT A BLOG 'BOUT HOW FIERCE WE FULL-SIZE GIRLS ARE! "NOT ASHAMED NOR APOLOGETIC" IS ITS TITLE!
I'M ACTUALLY A VIRAL HIT ON THE INTERNET WITH MILLIONS OF FANS WATCHING ME, ME, AND ONLY ME!
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AHHH, HERE WE GO...
BRUNSLEY

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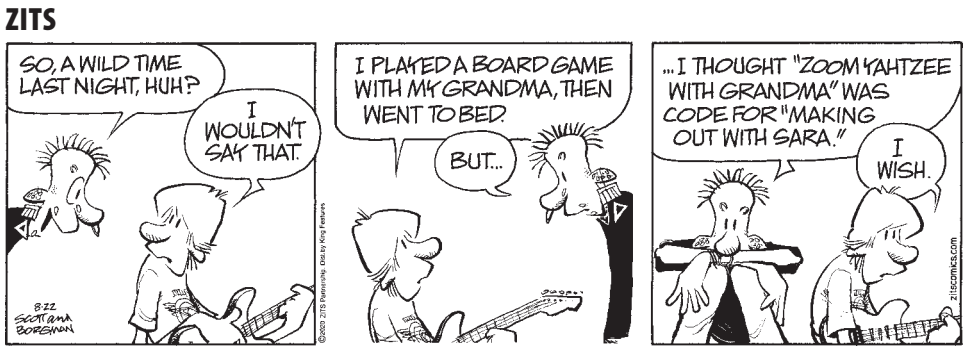
SO, A WILD TIME LAST NIGHT, HUH?
I WOULDN'T SAY THAT.
8-22 SCOTT ARAM BORGMAN
I PLAYED A BOARD GAME WITH MY GRANDMA, THEN WENT TO BED.
BUT...
...I THOUGHT "ZOOM YAHTZEE WITH GRANDMA" WAS CODE FOR "MAKING OUT WITH SARA."
I WISH.
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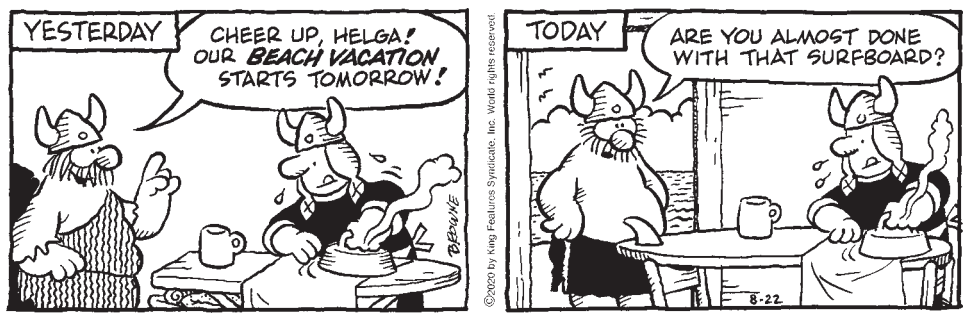
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE


YESTERDAY
CHEER UP, HELGA! OUR BEACH VACATION STARTS TOMORROW!
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TODAY
ARE YOU ALMOST DONE WITH THAT SURFBOARD?
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MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

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LARRY, MAYBE YOU SHOULD STOP CHASING CRASH-TEST CARS
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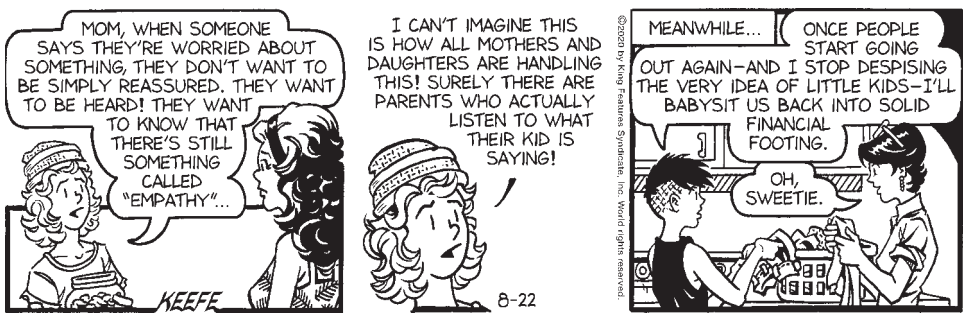
MUTTS

SALLY FORTH


MOM, WHEN SOMEONE SAYS THEY'RE WORRIED ABOUT SOMETHING, THEY DON'T WANT TO BE SIMPLY REASSURED. THEY WANT TO BE HEARD! THEY WANT TO KNOW THAT THERE'S STILL SOMETHING CALLED "EMPATHY"...
KEEFE
I CAN'T IMAGINE THIS IS HOW ALL MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS ARE HANDLING THIS! SURELY THERE ARE PARENTS WHO ACTUALLY LISTEN TO WHAT THEIR KID IS SAYING!
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MEANWHILE...
ONCE PEOPLE START GOING OUT AGAIN—AND I STOP DESPISING THE VERY IDEA OF LITTLE KIDS—I'LL BABYSIT US BACK INTO SOLID FINANCIAL FOOTING.
OH, SWEETIE.

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Sarett Nature Center

What's Growing On: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday. Be introduced to the variety of plants along the Sarett trails. Call 927-4832 to register.

Family nature adventures: Arrange for your own family visit to Sarett in a safe, private way. No need to worry about social distancing from other participants. Call 927-4832 to register.

Watervliet Rod & Gun Club

CPL classes: The Watervliet Rod and Gun Club is offering concealed pistol license classes through the end of the year.

September: Register from 6-7 p.m. Sept. 22. Classes are from 6-10 p.m. Sept. 24 and from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Sept. 26.

December: Register from 6-7 p.m. Dec. 1. Classes are from 6-10 p.m. Dec. 3 and from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Dec. 5.

For more information, call 470-9191 or 468-3837.

Harbor Country Hikers

Coffee Creek Preserve hike: 10 a.m. EDT Aug. 29, Coffee Creek Watershed Preserve, Chesterton, Ind. The Hikers will meet at the Chesterton Amphitheater, walk the preserve's ADA trails, then – for those who wish to continue – hike a three-mile mix of additional trails. Social distancing is observed at all HCH events, and use of face masks is required. For more information, including driving directions, go online to www.harborcountryhikers.com.

Submit items for Get Outdoors to sports@thehp.com by Thursday for Saturday publication.

FISHING REPORT

Southwest Lower Peninsula

St. Joseph: Boat anglers caught a few Chinook and coho, but the fish were deep and well beyond 100 feet. Spin doctors and flies worked best. Perch fishing was slow as the fish were scattered over large areas and depths. Pier anglers caught smallmouth bass and freshwater drum when casting spoons and jigs. Steelhead fishing was slow.

South Haven: Anglers were catching a mix of salmon and lake trout. The fish were in 120 feet and deeper and hitting on spoons, dodgers and flies. Perch fishing was decent south of the piers, though the fish were scattered in 35 to 70 feet.

Holland: Pier fishing was slow. Those casting spoons caught freshwater drum.

Lake Macatawa: The DNR boat launch remains closed due to high water.

Port Sheldon: Boat anglers are finding a mix of salmon and steelhead 35 to 90 feet down in 80 to 150 feet. Most were using green or yellow meat rigs along with green or white flies. In low-light conditions, use glow spoons or plugs.

Grand Haven: The Harbor Island boat launch is closed for the season due to high water levels. The creel clerk who is generally stationed at this launch has not been able to interview anglers and has been moved to a different port.

Grand River near Grand Rapids: Anglers have caught bass on spinners, plastics and live bait. Catfish were taken on crawlers and cut bait. The occasional walleye was caught off the wall.

Muskegon: Boat anglers reported fair catch rates for salmon, with the best action 40 to 90 feet down in 80 to 160 feet. Green meat rigs and flies have worked well; however, plugs and spoons have worked well in low-light conditions.

Muskegon River: Boat and shore anglers are getting smallmouth bass when casting plastics and topwater flies.

— Michigan DNR, Aug. 19

Time to think of fall – and train a Lab

Dave Mull

Those cool-to-cold nights of the past week have zapped hunters and anglers with a core-deep thrill. Although we know we'll likely face more than one agonizingly hot, humid period of a few days, the onset of fall is inevitable.

While deer hunters hang and review trail cams and check out the food plots they planted in late spring and determine treestand locations, bird hunters amp up training sessions with dogs. Many waterfowlers eagerly anticipate the early goose season, while a few just can't get excited about shooting at flying birds while mosquitos buzz their ears.

Bass anglers plan smallmouth fishing trips up to the storied northern lakes with names such as Elk, Clam, Skegemog and Mullet, or on into the Upper Peninsula to smaller inland lakes or Big Bay de Noc on Lake Michigan. Or they plan a trip to fish for salmon on rivers such as the Betsie and Pere Marquette.

The cool nights an anticipation of autumn might have affected me more than usual this year. I'm unexpectedly a dog dad to a stray black Labrador I found wandering a road near our Paw Paw home. By the time you read this it will have been about three weeks since we've had her.

She's young, possibly not yet a year, but fully grown. We found out who the owner is through Facebook but also learned that she had been let go —deliberately released – in a megastore parking lot. I made no further effort to contact the owner, but he knows I have her and hasn't made any effort to contact me.

Until that guy does, we're keeping her. An odd aside to this is I started calling her Gracie the day I found her and that turned out to be her given name.

Gracie is a handful, but has a sweet personality and wants to be a good girl – she's just not sure what being good entails. She's learned that chewing shoes, jumping through a screen to get outside and playing too rough with our small dogs are not considered good behaviors.

The fall connection is that I'm training her to find and retrieve birds. It's a challenge. This early on I'm teaching her the basics and she seems an apt pupil. She sits while we put her food bowl in front of her and waits until we tell her it's OK to begin eating. She also waits in her crate after we open its door until we tell her it's okay to come out.

As some readers might recall, I lost my 12-year-old golden retriever, Gabe, the day after we returned from our U.P. hunting camp last October. He was a sweet boy and a wonderful companion, and I took the loss hard.

I passed on two opportunities for puppies in late spring, and really hadn't planned to start looking for a new hunting dog until next year.

On the list of possible breeds were German shorthair pointers, cocker spaniels and a new-to-me breed called a Munsterlander. Nowhere on the wish list were black Labrador retrievers, but I'm not a dog snob. I'm also convinced everything happens for a reason, and although Gracie has been quite a challenge, I'm glad I found her.

In the first few days I tried throwing the orange training fenders I've had from decades of training golden retrievers and she liked to chase them and pick them up, but quickly dropped them to look at birds, smell a mole tunnel or watch a butterfly. I decided it would be best to not be in a hurry.

However, Thursday morning on a whim, I grabbed the Dokken duck decoy I bought specifically for training her on the advice of a bird camp buddy. It's the size and weight of a mallard.

Photo provided / Dave Mull

Writer Dave Mull's late-summer project is training a black Labrador named Gracie.

We were off for our morning walk/heel training session and had walked almost a mile when I made her sit. I removed the leash, lightly held her collar with one hand and threw the fake bird about 30 yards away, straight down the path.

I pointed to the bird as she sat stock still staring at it and commanded "Back!" She raced out, picked it up and brought it right to my hand and dropped it.

I think we're off to a good start.

The cool nights have certainly turned my thoughts to fall, and although I'm not sure how much wild bird hunting or waterfowling – if any – I'll be able to do with her this year, I'm sure glad to have a dog to train.

Writer Dave Mull's late-summer project is training a Lab named Gracie.

Outdoors columnist Dave Mull lives in Paw Paw. Write to him at dave.sportfish.mull@gmail.com.

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Ron Nelson of Berrien Springs recently clinched the 2020 FLW Angler of the Year title. He is pictured here with his wife, Karla.

Nelson clinches FLW Angler of the Year

Pro angler Ron Nelson of Berrien Springs has clinched the 2020 FLW Angler of the Year title.

Nelson, the 2019 Polaris Rookie of the Year, will receive his entry fees paid for the entire 2021 Tackle Warehouse Pro Circuit season (approx. $30,000.) for his win.

Also, he was eligible for the Ranger Cup, open only to Ranger boat owners earning him an additional $25,000. Nelson also won the $500 Berkley Big Bass award in the pro division after bringing a 6-pound largemouth to the scale.

"It's absolutely my biggest title to date," Nelson said in a news release. "But, there's something special about winning Rookie of the Year. You truly only have one chance to win that title, and it got the momentum going under me a little bit. This will light a fire under my tail even more, so I'm gonna want another one.

"All you can ask is to be in contention for anything, this year was a year of challenges, with all the changes and scheduling. This year, I felt like I did my job, and the good Lord blessed me to stay consistent."

Nelson stands out as extraordinarily consistent across the country. That, plus his strong suits of smallmouth and sight-fishing have kept him a top contender. But he's not done yet.

Ron's final destination this season is the 2020 Tackle Warehouse Pro Circuit title presented by Toyota on Sturgeon Bay August 24-20. Fifty of the world's best anglers will compete for the $200,000 top prize and the chance to hoist overhead the most prestigious trophy in professional bass fishing.

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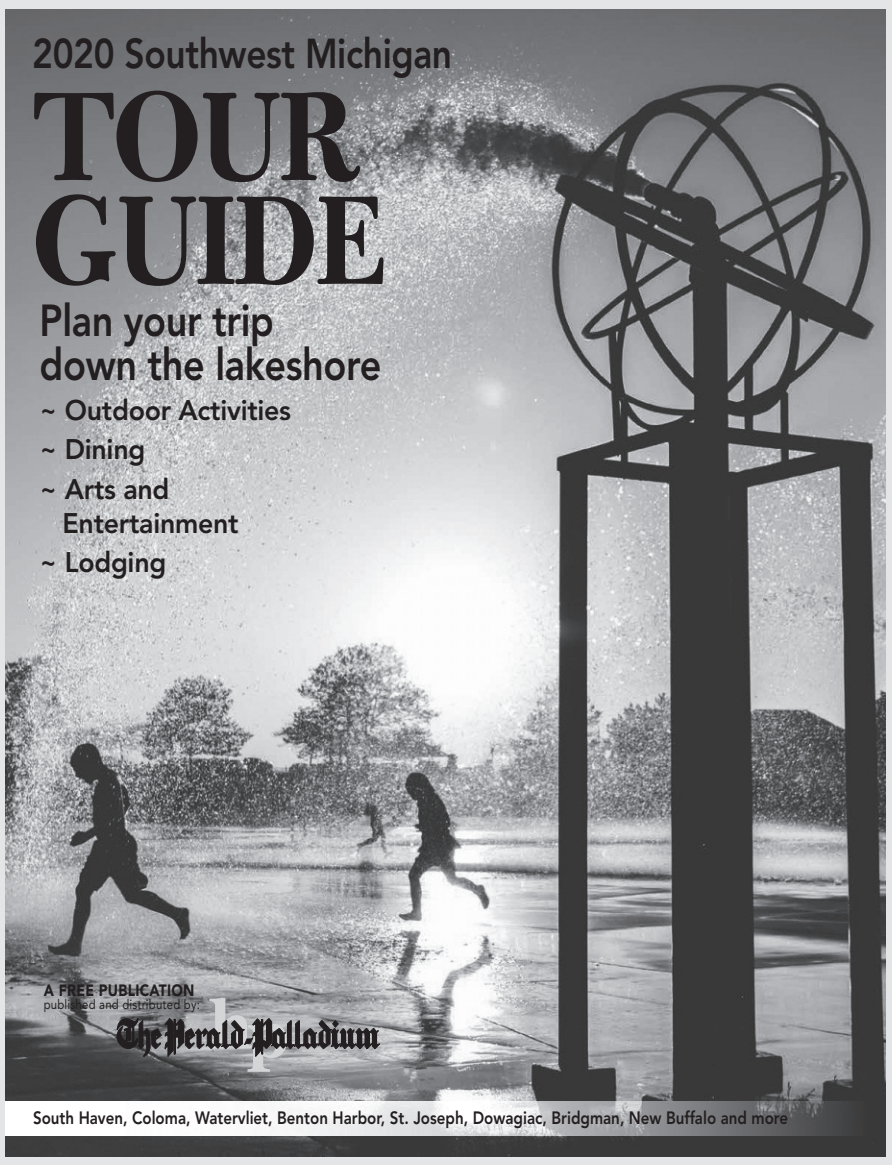
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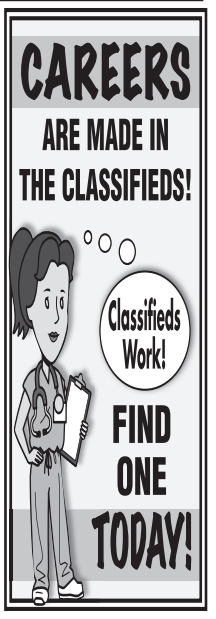

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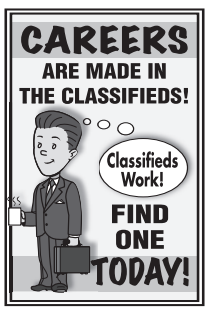

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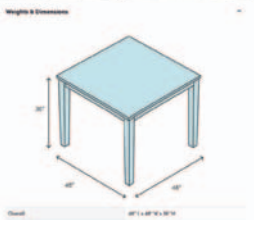

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7:00 pm (via Zoom)

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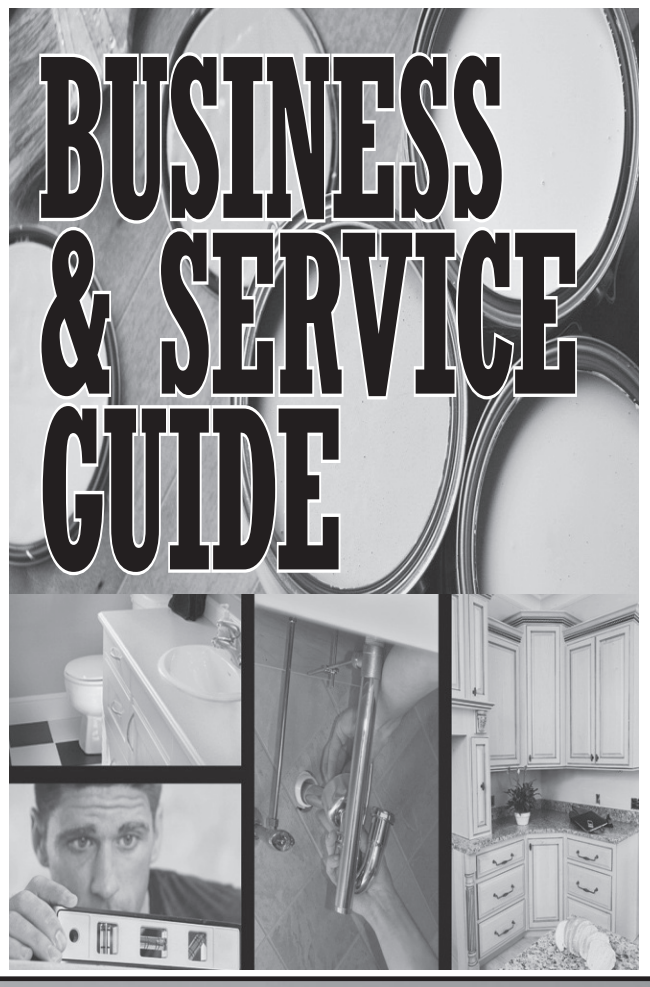

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HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

Look for the good in everything and everyone. A positive attitude will encourage others to see life through your eyes. Refuse to give in to negativity. Put an end to bad habits, disruptive relationships and situations that stifle personal growth and happiness. Make peace and love your priorities.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Look for the positive in whatever situation you face. Put your time and energy where it counts. Establish what you want to achieve and set your priorities wisely.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Go over any changes you want to make with an eye toward expense. Sticking to a tight budget will put your mind at ease and streamline matters.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Don't give in to manipulative people. Spend less time bickering and more time engaging in competitive pursuits. Keeping busy will help you avoid letting others take advantage of you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your secretive nature will pay off. Make plans with a loved one and focus on romance and lifestyle changes you want to make. A physical improvement will boost your confidence.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You'll face opposition if you are too vocal about your likes and dislikes. Don't expect someone to play fair or give you an honest opinion. Stick close to home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Discuss the changes you want to make, the cost involved and the help you will need. The response you receive will encourage you to get moving.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Check personal papers, and update any documents that are about to lapse. Putting your finances in order will give you a better understanding of how best to spend and save your money.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Pay more attention to your health, appearance, family and friends. A change of attitude regarding work will encourage better relationships with the people who mean the most to you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Emotions will take control, and your temper will flare up if you jump to conclusions. Take a moment to think matters through before you say or do something you'll regret.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Get involved in a project that moves you. Romance is on the rise, and discussing plans with a loved one will lead to a positive change.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Set your sights on self-improvement projects. Do something physical; it will pump you up and help you make lifestyle improvements.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Use discretion when discussing personal matters. Listen attentively to what others have to contribute. You'll be offered information that can help you make a wise decision.

HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

If you initiate change, you will be happy with the results. Consider what isn't working for you anymore, and focus on what will make your life easier and happier. Personal improvements will lift your spirits. Romance is featured. You have what it takes to make your dreams a reality this year, so get cracking.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A new approach to an old idea will turn out well. Touch base with people who inspire you and support your efforts. A chance to relax with someone you love will lead to positive lifestyle changes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Don't let yourself get blamed for something you didn't do. Taking a step back will help you put things in perspective and avoid outside pressure. If you need help, ask for it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Share your intentions and feelings. Let your emotions take over lead the way. Romance is in the stars. Don't be afraid to follow an unusual path.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Improve the way you live and work. Reach out to people who owe you favors or those you would like to collaborate with. Strive for equality and honesty to avoid setbacks.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Implement your plans, and don't look back. Make unusual plans with a loved one to celebrate your good fortune. Romance is encouraged.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be careful how much personal information you share. Take time to mull over what you want to do next. Acting in haste will lead to mistakes. Distance yourself from anyone putting pressure on you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Stop second-guessing yourself, and start putting your plans in motion. You'll accomplish plenty if you take action and bring about positive change. Start taking responsibility.

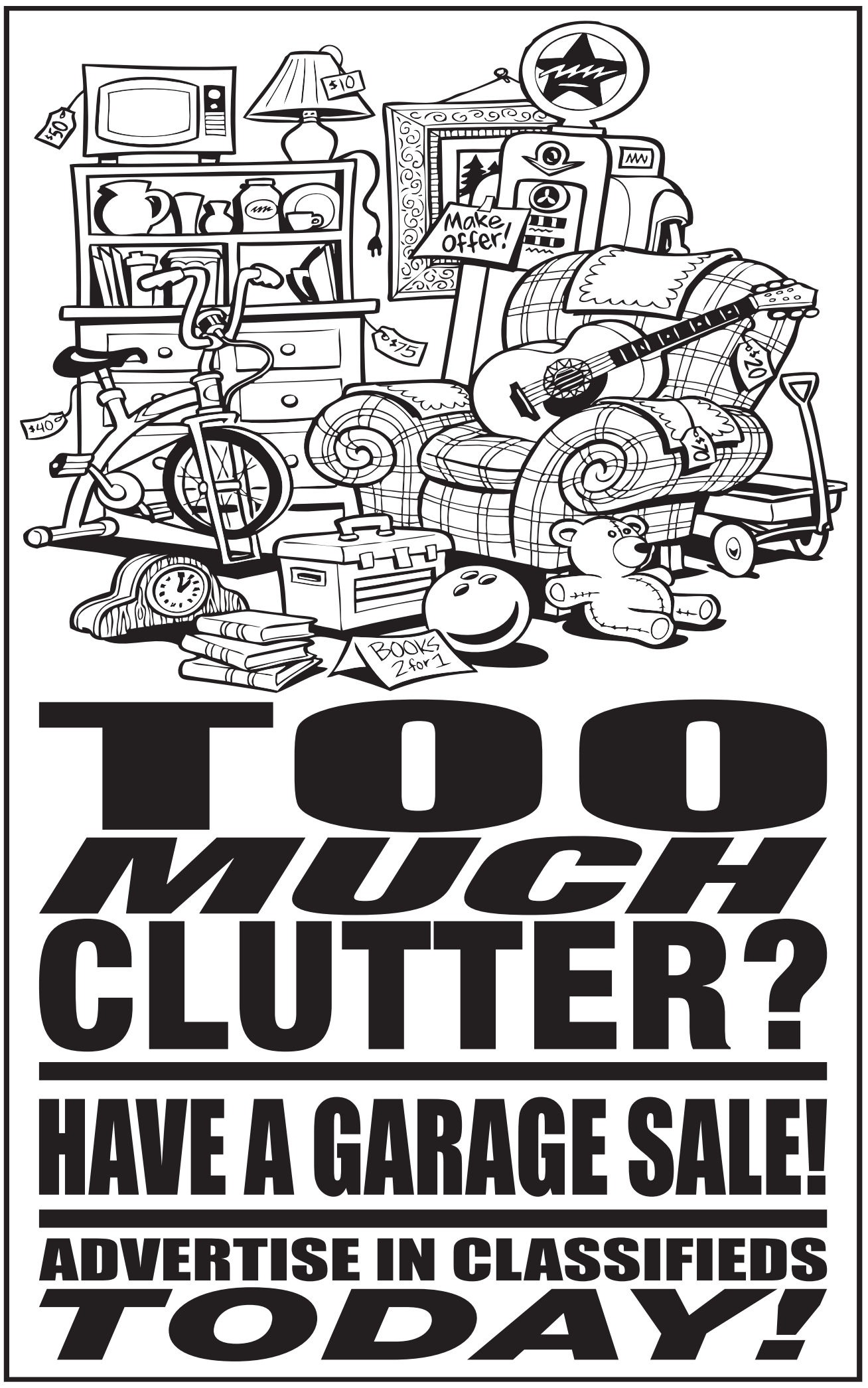
ARIES (March 21-April 19) Take baby steps when dealing with sensitive issues. Situations will escalate if you aren't careful how you handle loved ones. People will become increasingly demanding if you are too accommodating.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Make change happen. Look at partnership opportunities or spend quality time with a loved one. You will make the most of your day. Romance is favored and will improve your life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Take a break, and avoid discord and demanding people. Look inward, and evaluate the improvements you want to make. Make personal growth, better health and peace of mind your objectives.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Stick to what you know, and take care of matters that are pertinent your financial, physical and emotional well-being. Overreacting will set you back. Focus on discipline, reason and facts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Use your energy wisely. Make plans to do something exhilarating. Home improvements are favored. Don't follow someone else's lead; be creative, and do what's best for yourself.



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Watch For Our Open House Ads In The Classifieds!

CROSSWORD

Crossword Answers E4

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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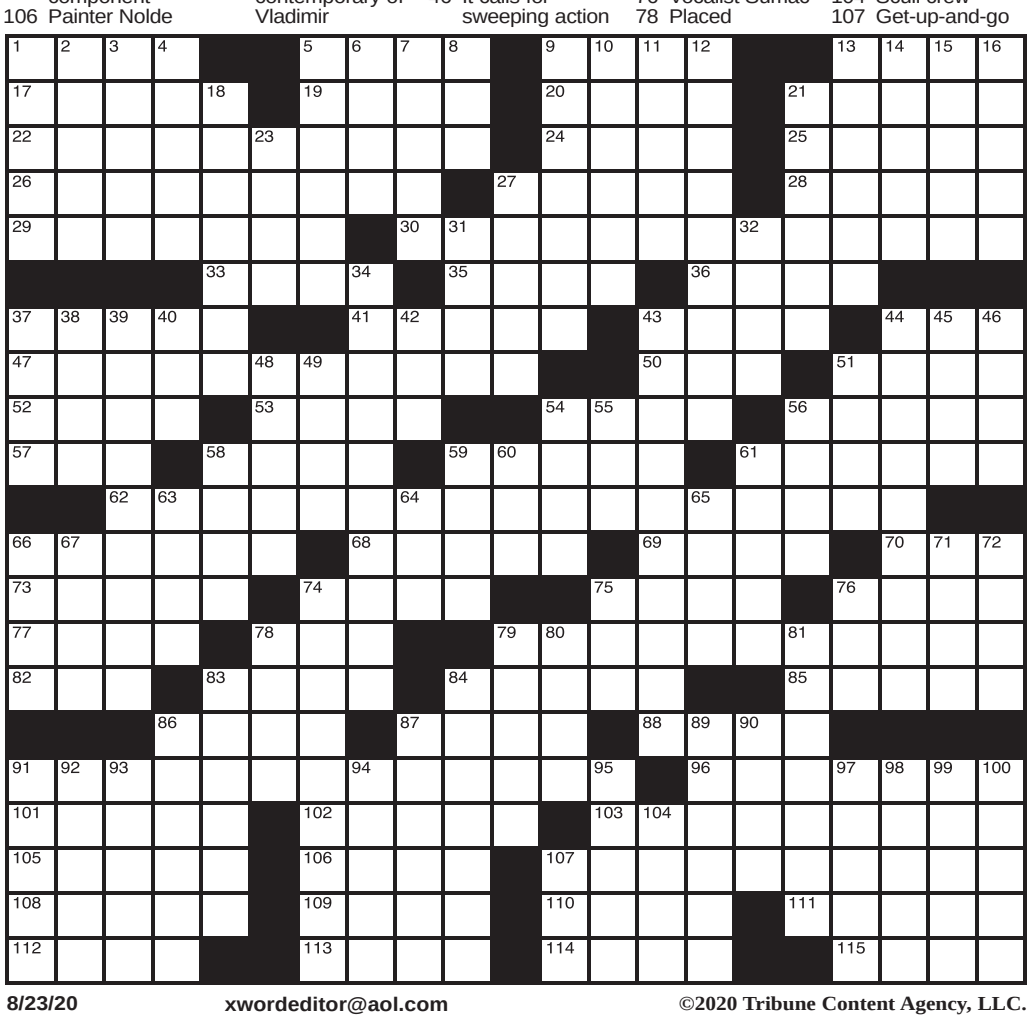
"TUTTI FRUTTI" By ED SESSA

ACROSS

1 More than a little unkind
5 Tolkien monsters
9 One hanging in a 2000 election
13 Tiny tweet
17 Leaking slowly, as a faucet
19 Pacific salmon
20 Juno's Greek counterpart
21 Sassy "Cheers" waitress
22 Prime growing month for a citrus fruit?
24 Culturally affected
25 Broadcast booth sign
26 Sources of current information
27 Recon pro
28 Take a dip
29 Belgrade resident
30 Song sung by a French fruit lover?
33 First fruit site
35 Fields for fillies
36 New Balance rival
37 Fast-food chain with a cowboy hat logo
41 Starts the show
43 Gulf of __: Arabian Sea arm
44 Comics impact
47 "No juice in my mojito, please"?
50 Duck Hunt console, briefly
51 Trait carrier
52 Chef lead-in
53 Midwest native
54 Mideast potentate
56 Masters of allusion
57 Verse sometimes sung
58 Kid's punishment
59 Mosquito mating maneuver
61 Not too sharp, as an image
62 Vintner's prospects?
66 Lack on some gowns
68 Toy line?
69 Temporary pause
70 Styron protagonist Turner
73 Visually rapt
74 1987 Best New Artist Grammy winner Watley
75 Tortilla dough
76 "Carpe diem," in textspeak
77 Wood shop tool
78 Paul on guitar
79 One removing fuzz from fuzzy fruit?
82 Leadoff double?
83 Bit of power
84 How some items are auctioned
85 Explorer da Gama
86 Sorority letters
87 Intangible quality
88 Drink brand with a lizard logo
91 Fruit farm's cash flow?
96 "Little Shop of __"
101 First African-American major-league coach Buck
102 General and private
103 Hip-hop label co-founded by Jay-Z
105 Barrel component
106 Painter Nolde
107 Write-up on a fruit?
108 Solution strength
109 Busy as __
110 Cream color
111 Kirsten of "Spider-Man"
112 Reserved __
113 Fail to make contact with
114 VA concern
115 Chile money

DOWN

1 Mighty sharks
2 Draw out
3 Emmy-winning producer of "The Fugitive" Alan __
4 Muslim face covering
5 Pump figure
6 Runaway victory
7 Deep fissure
8 Vegan protein source
9 Dances with shuffle steps
10 Medal awardees
11 Keyboard contemporary of Vladimir
12 Market speculator
13 Hat that originated in Ecuador, strangely
14 Keats' Muse
15 Yale of Yale fame
16 Fruit lover's gadget
18 Most weak
21 Kurt of Nirvana
23 Make __ dash
27 Play setting
31 Primordial substance, in physics
32 Designer __ Saint Laurent
34 Bad blood
37 "I get it"
38 Crucifix
39 Lawn choice
40 Abbr. on a teeing ground sign
42 Fruit-filled dessert, often
43 Circus highlights
44 Self-appointed pub experts
45 Pay to play
46 It calls for sweeping action
48 Court game
49 Kitchen add-on?
51 One may come with a train
54 Apiece
55 "I pity the fool" speaker
56 Billiards type
58 It's at one end of the back
59 Do a vet's job
60 Jazz guitarist Montgomery
61 Purple hue
63 Wreck with a ball
64 Marked on a ballot
65 Behind
66 File menu option
67 Letters for one with weekend plans
71 Knighted Guinness
72 Snowblower maker
74 So-called "river of wind"
75 "Little Red Book" writer
76 Vocalist Sumac
78 Placed
79 Compulsive fire starters, informally
80 Jack of old oaters
81 Like plump pets, perhaps
83 Pequod, for one
84 Belt parts
86 Ornamental hedge shrub
87 "__ Song": John Denver hit
89 "Dang it!"
90 Dull-sounding critter
91 Runs, moneywise
92 Let loose
93 Spanish lasso
94 Poetic pairs
95 Build
97 Gun, as an engine
98 NFL pass blockers as a unit, in football lingo
99 Like "Harvard Yard," as spoken by some locals
100 Took care of
104 Scull crew
107 Get-up-and-go



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CHRYSLER Jeep DODGE RAM

SUMMER CLEARANCE EVENT

2020 JEEP RENEGADE LIMITED 4X4

ALPINE WHITE, LEATHER BUCKET SEATS, 1.3 TURBO ENGINE, 9-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, REMOTE START, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, HEATED FRONT SEATS, POWER SEAT, AND MUCH MORE! C20179

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2020 RAM 1500 CREW CAB 4X4 BIG HORN

MAXIMUM STEEL METALLIC, NAVIGATION, 20 INCH ALUMINUM CHROME CLAD WHEELS, POWER SLIDING REAR WINDOW, ANTI-SPIN REAR AXLE, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, POWER DRIVERS SEAT, POWER ADJUSTABLE PEDALS, AND MUCH MORE! C20083

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2020 JEEP CHEROKEE TRAILHAWK 4X4

HYDRO BLUE, 2.0 TURBO ENGINE, POWER LIFTGATE, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, REMOTE START, HEATED FRONT SEATS, BLIND SPOT AND CROSS PATH DETECTION, BACK-UP CAMERA, AND MUCH MORE! C20043

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42 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR, $3,300 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, *(MUST QUALIFY FOR CHRYSLER LEASE RENEWAL) OFFER EXPIRES 08/31/20

2020 JEEP COMPASS LIMITED 4X4

DIAMOND BLACK CRYSTAL, FULL SUNROOF, LEATHER INTERIOR, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, REMOTE START, 18 INCH ALUMINUM WHEELS, HEATED SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, AND MUCH MORE! C20115

LEASE FOR $239/MO**

42 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR, $3,200 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, *(MUST QUALIFY FOR CHRYSLER LEASE RENEWAL) OFFER EXPIRES 08/31/20

2020 RAM 2500 CREW CAB 4X4

BLACK, 6.4 V8 ENGINE, HEAVY DUTY SNOW PLOW PREP PACKAGE, CHROME APPEARANCE GROUP, ANTI-SPIN REAR AXLE, REAR WINDOW DEFROSTER, TOUCH SCREEN AND MUCH MORE! C20140

MSRP	$44,725
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 2,500
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 1,500
RAM ENGINE BONUS CASH	- 500
RAM BONUS COUPON	- 750
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$39,475
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
RETURNING LESSEE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $38,475

(*MUST QUALIFY/MUST FINANCE THRU CHRYSLER CAPITAL)

2020 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SE

WHITE KNUCKLE, 7- PASSENGER SEATING, REAR AIR CONDITIONING WITH HEATER, BACK-UP CAMERA, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, AND MUCH MORE! C20210

MSRP	$29,025
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 280
REBATE	- 1,750
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
RETAIL BONUS CASH	- 500
GRAND CARAVAN BONUS CASH	- 2,500
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$22,995
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
CONQUEST LESSE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $21,995

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2020 DODGE JOURNEY

PITCH BLACK, BLACK TOP PACKAGE, BLACK WHEELS, 3-ZONE TEMP CONTROL, POWER SEAT, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, 7-PASSENGER SEATING, SATELLITE RADIO, AND MUCH MORE! C20134

MSRP	$27,230
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 500
REBATE	- 2,250
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
SALE PRICE FORE EVERYONE	$23,480
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
RETURNING LESSEE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $22,480

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2020 RAM PROMASTER 3500 HIGH ROOF CARGO VAN DEMO

BRIGHT WHITE, WOOD FLOOR, 3-PASSENGER SEATING, INTERIOR CONVENIENCE GROUP, SPEED CONTROL, NAVIGATION, POWER FOLDING HEATED MIRRORS, AND MUCH MORE! C20107

MSRP	$40,665
SIEMANS DEMO DISCOUNT	- 3,170
REBATE	- 1,000
ON THE JOB COMMERCIAL UPFIT*	- 1,000
PROMASTER CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 750
COMMERCIAL BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$33,745
CONQUEST LEASE CASH*	- 500
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500

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MSRP	$29,855
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 2,610
FORD RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 2,500
FORD SELECT INVENTORY RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 750

SALE PRICE* $23,995

2020 FORD ECOSPORT 4X4 SE

SHADOW BLACK, ALUMINUM WHEELS, REMOTE START, FOG LAMPS, POWER MOONROOF, POWER SEAT, HEATED FRONT SEATS, REAR VIEW CAMERA, REVERSE SENSING SYSTEM, SATELLITE RADIO, AND MUCH MORE! F20128

MSRP	$26,540
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 318
FORD BONUS CASH	- 500
FORD RETAIL CASH	- 4,500
FORD COMPETITIVE CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 500

SALE PRICE* $20,722

(*MUST QUALIFY)

2020 FORD TRANSIT CONNECT

FROZEN WHITE, CRUISE CONTROL, FORD PASS CONNECT, REAR VIEW CAMERA, POWER WINDOWS AND LOCKS, REMOTE KEYLESS ENTRY, AND MUCH MORE! F20021

MSRP	$26,795
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 1,050
FORD RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 1,500

SALE PRICE* $24,245

(*MUST QUALIFY)

2020 FORD F-150 SUPERCAB 4X4

BLUE JEANS, POWER WINDOWS AND LOCKS, FORD PASS CONNECT, LOCKING REAR AXLE, TRAILER HITCH, CHROME APPEARANCE PACKAGE, AND MUCH MORE! F20050

MSRP	$40,330
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 1,690
FORD CREDIT RETAIL BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
FORD BONUS CASH	- 1,500
FORD F-SERIES RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 1,000
FORD COMPETITIVE CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 1,000

SALE PRICE* $34,140

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2020 FORD EXPLORER PLATINUM 4WD

STAR WHITE METALLIC TRI-COAT, HANDS FREE LIFT GATE, 3.0 ECOBOOST V6 ENGINE, 20 INCH BRIGHT MACHINE FACE ALUMINUM WHEELS, 14 SPEAKERS, 10 INCH TOUCH SCREEN, TWIN PANEL MOON ROOF, FIRST AND 2ND ROW HEATED SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, POWERFOLD THIRD SEAT, 360 DEGREE CAMERA, ACTIVE PARK ASSIST, B & O SOUND SYSTEM, NAVIGATION, REMOTE START, AND MUCH MORE! F20040

MSRP	$61,155
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 2,338
FORD RETAIL BONUS CASH	- 2,500
FORD RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 500

SALE PRICE* $55,817

2020 FORD TRANSIT 250 CARGO VAN

OXFORD WHITE, LIMITED SLIP REAR AXLE, CLOTH SEATS, VINYL FLOOR COVERING, AND MUCH MORE! F20217

MSRP	$38,990
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 1,995
FORD RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 2,000
FORD SPECIAL PACKAGE RETAIL CASH	- 250
FORD COMPETITIVE CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 1,000

SALE PRICE* $33,745

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AGATE BLACK METALLIC, LEATHER SEATS, 2.0 ECOBOOST ENGINE, TRAILER TOW PACKAGE, PANORAMIC VISTA ROOF, 19 INCH MACHINED ALUMINUM WHEELS, HANDS FREE LIFT GATE, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, HEATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, ACTIVE PARK ASSIST, FORD CO-PILOT 360, REAR VIEW CAMERA, REMOTE START, REVERSE SENSING SYSTEM, NAVIGATION SYSTEM, AND MUCH MORE! F20105

MSRP	$39,075
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	1,373
FORD RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 1,750
FORD RETAIL BONUS CASH	- 500
FORD SELECT INVENTORY RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 750

SALE PRICE* $34,702

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2017 FORD ESCAPE TITANIUM 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Silver Painted Aluminum Wheels, 31K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Seating, Auto Climate Control, SYNC 3, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Active Park Assist System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Platinum U20128

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2017 FORD ESCAPE SE 4X4

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2.7 V6 EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic with Tow Motor, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 18K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Chrome Step Bar, Bed Liner, Power Heated Front Seats, SYNC 3, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Class IV Trailer Hitch, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ruby Red F19516A

NOW $37,820

2015 GMC YUKON SLT 4X4

5.3 V8 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 88K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Running Boards, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Seating, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, DVD Entertainment System, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Summit White C20137B

NOW $31,390

2017 RAM 1500 ST BIG HORN CREW CAB 4X4

5.7 V8 HEMI EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Black Aluminum Wheels, 56K Miles, Bed Liner, Running Boards, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Driver's Seat, Power Adjust Pedals, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Front-Reverse Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Trailer Tow Package, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Ignition Orange C20214A

NOW $33,319

2018 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Silver Painted Aluminum Wheels, Only 15K Miles! Remote Start, SYNC, Power Driver's Seat, Auto Climate Control, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Blue Metallic F20307A

NOW $26,769

2017 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Silver Painter Aluminum Wheels, 45K Miles, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Climate Control, CD-Player, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Gold U20136

NOW $23,921

2017 FORD ESCAPE SE 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Silver Painted Aluminum Wheels, 33K Miles, SYNC 3, Power Driver's Seat, Panoramic Moon Roof, Blind Spot Information System, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Gold U20138

NOW $19,305

2018 HONDA CR-V EXL AWD

1.5 EFI Engine, CVT Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 42K Miles, Remote Start, Memory Power Leather Heated Seating, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Lane Keeping Assist, Lane Departure Warning, Cross Traffic Alert, Blind Spot Monitor, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Crystal Black C20197A

NOW $26,182

2014 FORD FUSION TITANIUM

2.0 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 185K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Seating, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry, Tuxedo Black U20065A

NOW $8,905

2015 GMC SIERRA 1500 SLT Z-71 CREW CAB 4X4

5.3 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 93K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Security Cover, Running Boards, Memory Power Leather Heated Seating, Power Adjust Pedals, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Cd-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! White C19234A

NOW $29,282

2018 FORD ESCAPE SE 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Sparkle Silver Painted Aluminum Wheels, 33K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black U20118

NOW $19,898

2009 CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY LIMITED

4.0 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 156K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Slide Side Doors, DVD Entertainment System, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Light Sandstone C19300A

NOW $6,854

2017 RAM 1500 SLT BIG HORN CREW CAB 4X4

5.7 V8 HEMI EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Chrome Clad Wheels, 34K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Touchscreen Display, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ram Certified! Maximum Steel U20120

NOW $32,107

2017 FORD EDGE TITANIUM

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 32K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Panoramic Moon Roof, Adaptive Cruise Control, Collision Warning, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Burgundy Velvet U20151

NOW $28,994

2018 SUBARU OUTBACK PREMIUM AWD

2.5 EFI Engine, CVT Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 35K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Crystal White U20148

NOW $22,896

2017 FORD ESCAPE TITANIUM 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Silver Painted Aluminum Wheels, 12K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Panoramic Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ruby Red U20143

NOW $23,928

2017 FORD FUSION V6 SPORT AWD

2.7 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 31K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Sport Upgrade Package, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Aluminum Sport Pedals, Power Moon Roof, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ruby Red C19274B

NOW $23,675

2017 FORD ESCAPE TITANIUM 4X4

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Silver Painted Aluminum Wheels, 25K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Seating, Panoramic Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, SYNC 3, Blind Spot Information System, Reverse Sensing System, Park Assist System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Light Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Platinum U20141

NOW $23,717

2019 JEEP CHEROKEE LATITUDE PLUS 4X4

2.4 EFI Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 26K Miles, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Touchscreen Display, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Reverse Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Velvet Red Pearl

NOW $22,887

2019 RAM 1500 BIG HORN LONESTAR CREW CAB 4X4

5.7 V8 HEMI EFI Engine, Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 28K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Security Cover, Bed Liner, Running Boards, Power Driver's Seat, Power Adjust Pedals, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheels, Power Panoramic Moon Roof, Rear View Camera, Trailer Tow Group, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ram Certified! Bright White F19385A

NOW $38,590

2017 FORD FUSION SE

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 40K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Gold U20152

NOW $18,786

2015 FORD EDGE SEL

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Painted Aluminum Wheels, 63K Miles, SYNC, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, CD-Player, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Magnetic U20094A

NOW $17,984

2018 JEEP WRANGLER JK SPORT 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 5 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 30K Miles, Convertible Soft Top, CD-Player, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Black C20038A

NOW $27,618

2017 DODGE JOURNEY GT AWD

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 48K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Auto Climate Control, 3rd Row Fold/Recline Seat, Touchscreen Display, Park Assist System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Dodge Certified! Billet Silver U20149

NOW $19,987

2013 CHEVY SILVERADO 1500 LT Z-71 REGULAR CAB 4X4 W/PLOW

5.3 V8 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 124K Miles, Bed Liner, Running Boards, Power Driver's Seat, Auto Temp Control, CD-Player, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Silver C20229A

NOW $19,949

2017 FORD ESCAPE TITANIUM 4X4

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Silver Painted Aluminum Wheels, 36K Miles, Remote Start, SYNC Connect, Memory Power Leather Heated Seating, Auto Climate Control, Blind Spot Information System, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Magnetic U20140

NOW $22,852

2018 FORD ESCAPE SE 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 30K Miles, Remote Start, Sport Appearance Package, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, SYNC 3, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black U20155

NOW $21,719

2016 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Polished Aluminum Wheels, 30K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Panoramic Moon Roof, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Platinum U20150

NOW $24,957

2005 MAZDA TRIBUTE S 4X4

3.0 V6 EFI Engine, 4 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 161K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, CD-Player, Remote Keyless Entry System, Dark Titanium S20003A

NOW $3,750

2018 JEEP COMPASS LIMITED 4X4

2.4 EFI Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 23K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Panoramic Moon Roof, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Diamond Black U20154

NOW $23,870

2010 NISSAN 370Z TOURING COUPE

3.7 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, 45K Miles, Power Leather Seats, CD-Player, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Black F19450B

NOW $17,366

2016 CHRYSLER 300 S AWD

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 55K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Panoramic Moon Roof, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Park Assist System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Chrysler Certified! Granite U20114

NOW $20,976

2017 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Painted Aluminum Wheels, 42K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Seating, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Fold Rear Seats, CD-Player, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ruby Red U20133

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Looking back at past Berrien County Youth Fairs

Andy Steinke

When Berrien County Youth Fair organizers chose "Diamonds Are Fair-Ever" as the theme for this year's event, I don't think they imagined it would take fair-ever to get to the 75th annual gathering.

Like so many other events since mid-March, this week's local youth fair was canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the 75th anniversary celebration has been moved to 2021.

The BCYF is one of those staple events you can look forward to every year without fail. You know there will be rides and animals and fair food. The Commercial buildings will be full of vendors, tractor alley will be full of large machinery, and the Grandstand will house an array of entertainment.

I've enjoyed following the fair's Facebook page this year as they've shared throwback Thursday photos from past fairs. I'd like to say they take me back, but a lot of them are from before my time. It doesn't mean, though, I can't reflect on my experiences.

Unlike the hundreds of youths who exhibit at the fair every year, I went for pure enjoyment (and fair food). But like them, I was still there every day some years.

Looking back, I'm not sure how we found enough things to do to keep us entertained for multiple days, but we did, because we enjoyed going back.

My brother, sister and I would wander through the Commercial buildings, snatching up stickers, pencils, paper fans and everything else vendors were giving away. It was a handy way to get a few new pencils for school.

We'd stroll through the tractors, sitting on some of them for pictures for my mom, and seeing if we were still small enough to stand inside the tires on the bigger ones.

We'd go to the Wonders of Birth barn and check out the baby chicks, ducks, rabbits and horses.

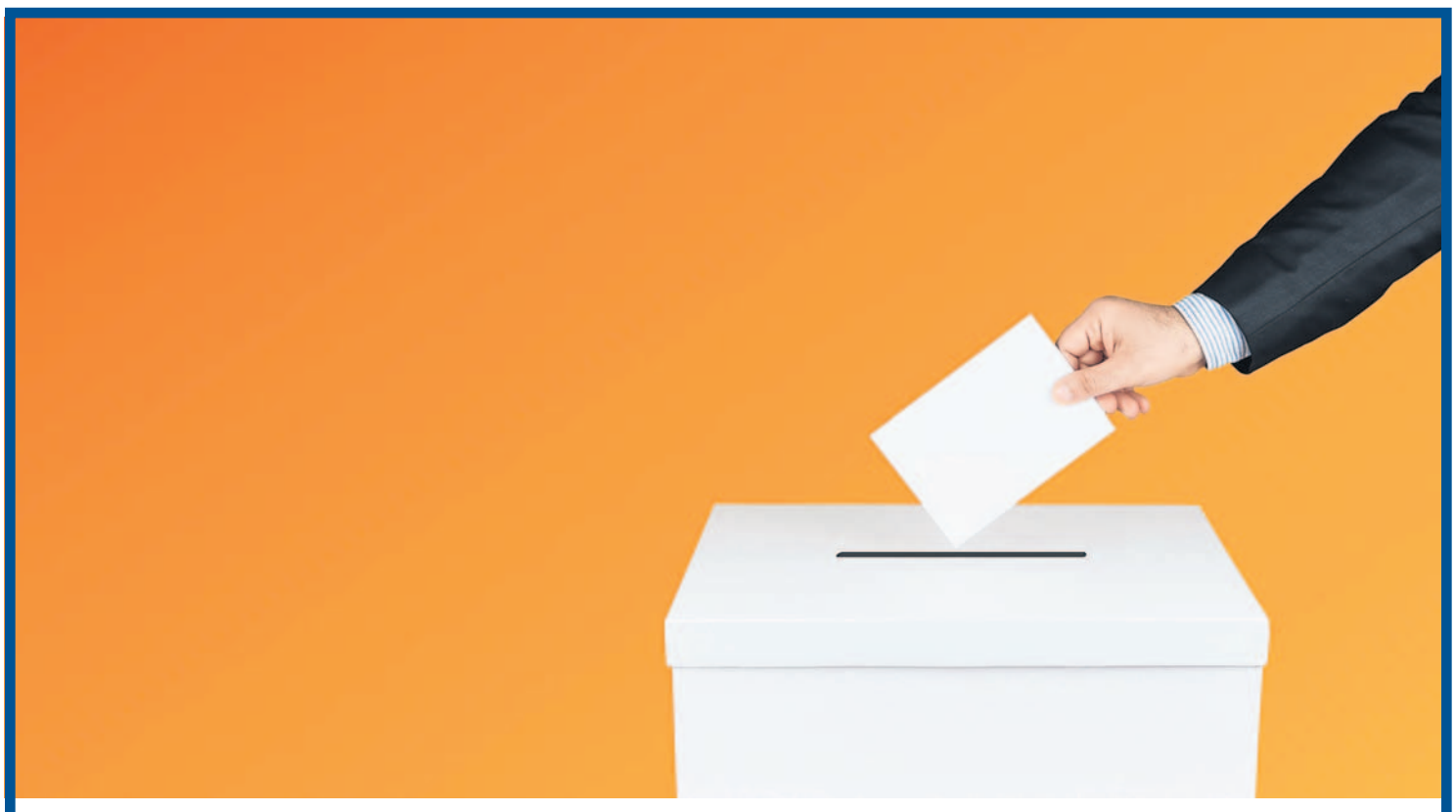
We'd sit and wait for the next educational public safety demonstration with Little Squirt, the talking fire engine, though we didn't know at the time it was meant to be educational.

We'd watch as the real-life lumberjacks tossed axes, revved chainsaws (chainsaws!) and tried to spin each other off a floating log.

See **STEINKE**, page D2

Photo provided / Andy Steinke

Andy participates in the pedal pull event at the 1992 Berrien County Youth Fair.



Meet the 13 people who will redraw our electoral lines

By ZAHRA AHMAD
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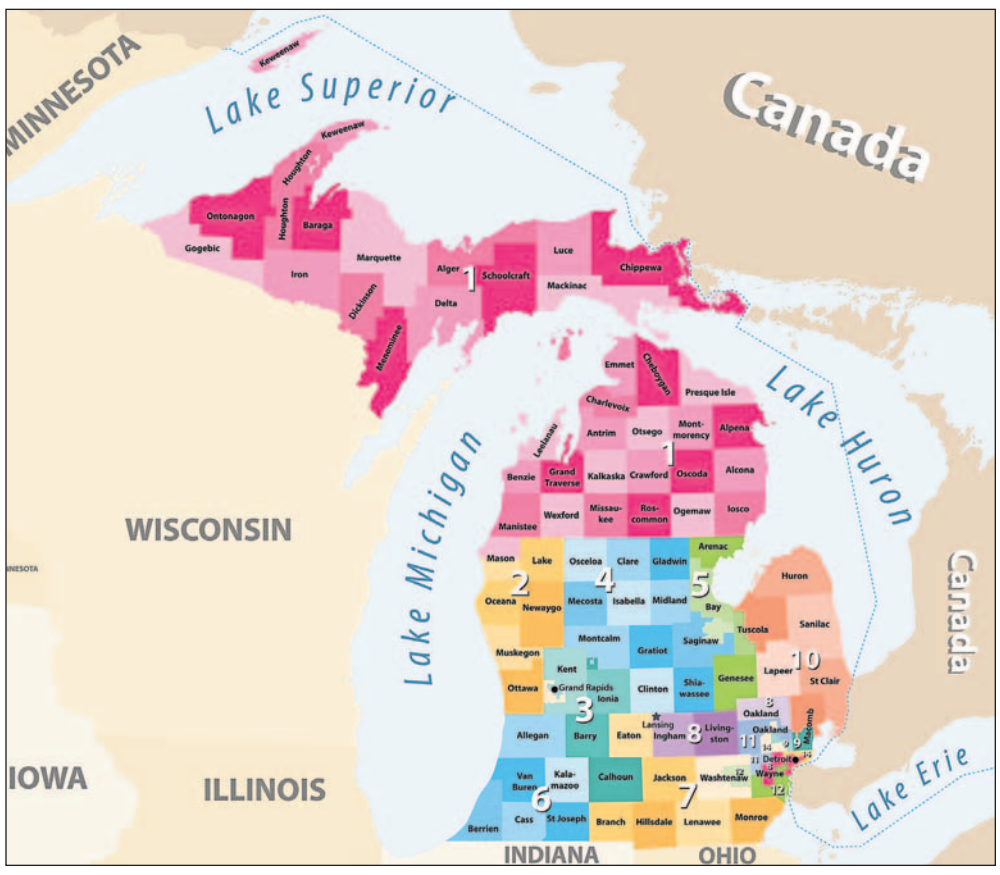

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Thirteen people will redraw Michigan's electoral boundaries before the 2022 election.

The Secretary of State's office hired Rehmann LLC, a Saginaw-based accounting firm, to randomly select 13 Michigan residents to serve on the state's first Redistricting Commission, charged with drawing new district lines for representatives in Congress and the state legislature.

The selections were made during a livestreamed drawing on Monday.

The commissioners, picked from a list of 180 finalists, are from across the state and include an even number of Republicans and Democrats. Each commissioner will make $40,000 and is required to travel to at least 15 public hearings. They can't hold partisan elective office at the state, county, city, village or township level for five years.

The commission is being assembled as a result of a November 2018 ballot proposal, Proposal 2, which passed with support from 61 percent of voters.

Redistricting was previously handled by the Michigan Legislature and approved by the governor, which, Proposal 2 supporters pointed out, allowed politicians to set their own district lines.

Applications were posted publicly and sent to the state Legislature. Republicans and Democrats from the House and Senate each struck five applicants, for a total of 20, from the selection pool.

The commission must have its first meeting by Oct. 15. All meetings held by the commission must be posted, livestreamed and open to the public.

Each selected commissioner expressed in their applications a desire to serve their community and country.

Of the 13 commissioners chosen, two identify as Black, one identified as Middle Eastern and the rest all identified as white. The ages of commissioners range from 28 to 73, with only one being younger than 30.

Here is who was chosen:

M. Carlo Rothhorn

M. Carlo Rothhorn, a 48-year-old white Democrat living in Ingham County, said in his application that he applied to become a redistricting commissioner because he loves the democratic process.

"I grow when serving others. I look forward to it," Rothhorn wrote.

He said in his application he affiliates with the Democratic Party because he believes "we are stronger together, especially when we support each other financially.

"Historically," he said, "this has most aligned with the Democratic Party, but I am aware of deep Republican roots in my stepfather's family, and I appreciate it more with each passing year."

Erin Wagner

Erin Wagner, a 54-year-old white Republican living in Charlotte, applied to be a commissioner because she "believes in the process and would like to make sure that the districts are drawn in such a way as to be representative of those who live in those districts."

Wagner said she affiliated with the Republican Party because it better supports her views.

"However," she wrote, "I have voted across party lines at times when I (felt) as if the candidate is a better fit for the position."

Anthony Eid

Anthony Eid, a 28-year-old Middle Eastern man living in Orchard Lake, joined the commission to be more involved in the political process "in an unbiased, unpartisan, evidence-based way."

"Serving on this committee will help further this goal," Eid said in his application.

Eid said he doesn't affiliate with either major political party because there are candidates in each party that he supports for different reasons.

"It is important to look at individuals instead of teams during our political process," Eid said.

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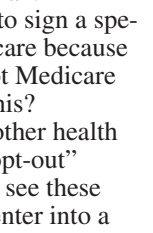
Why can doctor charge more than amount approved by Medicare?

Sara Duris
Generations



Q My doctor has started charging an additional fee on top of what she used to charge, and Medicare isn't covering it. Why is this?

A It sounds as though your doctor has stopped participating with Medicare. This means that, while she still accepts patients with Medicare coverage, she no longer is accepting "assignment," that is, the Medicare-approved amount.

As an example, let's say the Medicare-approved amount for a check-up is $100, but the doctor does not accept assignment and charges an additional 15 percent (this percentage above the Medicare-approved amount is typically limited to a certain percentage). So, the visit will cost $115. Medicare will pay their 80 percent (of the Medicare-approved amount), assuming the Part B deductible has already been met, so in this case, $80.

The patient then pays the remaining $20 of the approved amount, but then also the $15 in "excess" charges, for a total of $35.

A Medicare Supplement, or Medigap, plan might cover both the remaining 20 percent and the $15 in excess charges. However, several Medigap plans don't cover Medicare Part B excess charges.

It's important, therefore, to not only verify with your physician(s) that they accept assignment, but also, if you have supplemental coverage, to understand what is covered by your plan.

Q Our doctors want us to sign a special contract for our care because they aren't going to accept Medicare any longer. Can they do this?

A Yes, physicians and other health care providers can "opt-out" of Medicare. You can still see these providers, but they must enter into a private contract with you (unless you're in need of emergency or urgently needed care).

This is a written agreement between you and the provider regarding payment for services. You don't have to sign such an agreement and there are Medicare rules pertaining to these agreements.

Oftentimes, it's simpler to switch providers to one who still gives services through Medicare. If you choose to sign a private contract with your doctor, know these rules apply:

- Medicare won't pay any amount for the services you get from this doctor or provider, even if it's a Medicare-covered service.
- You'll have to pay the full amount of whatever this provider charges you for the services you get. You and your provider will set up your own payment terms through the contract.
- If you have a Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policy, it won't pay anything for the services you get. Call your insurance company before you get the service if you have questions.
- Your provider must tell you if Medicare would pay for the service if you got it from another provider who accepts Medicare.
- Your provider must tell you if he or she has been excluded from Medicare.
- You cannot be asked to sign a private contract for emergency or urgent care.
- You are always allowed to get services not covered by Medicare if you choose to pay for a service yourself.

See **GENERATIONS**, page D3

PET OF THE WEEK

Binx is a 3-year-old crossbreed rabbit (not as large as he appears). He is an indoor bunny who is social, and loves pets and treats. Binx has been around cats and dogs, and isn't shy. He has more friends seeking their forever homes through Save A Stray, too. For more information, call Monica at 921-0145.

VOLUNTEERS

Help feed the hungry

Fresh, healthy food tends to have a short shelf life. To make sure it gets distributed as quickly as possible, Feeding America West Michigan developed the mobile food pantry.

Mobile pantries are like farmers markets on wheels, delivering a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy products and baked goods to people in need, often on the same day the food is donated.

Volunteers help distribute food, carry heavier groceries for people who need help, and give a smile to those who are experiencing food insecurity.

For upcoming mobile food pantry dates and locations, visit www.feedwm.org.

To volunteer, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Military Hero Care Network

The American Red Cross Hero Care Network provides critical services to military members, veterans and their families all over the world.

The American Red Cross of Southwest Michigan is looking for volunteers to help with tasks such as sending emergency communications for deployed service members, communicating with families of newly enlisted service members, and referring veterans and their families to local programs.

Training will be provided, and volunteers can work remotely.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Health screeners needed

The Berrien County Health Department needs support as it brings back services. The department has implemented a staff and client health screening upon entry, and needs volunteers to help manage the check-in station at the main entrance of its Benton Harbor office.

The station also provides face coverings/masks to those who arrive without one.

This is a no-contact position. Volunteers can maintain appropriate social distancing from others and personal protective equipment will be provided by the department.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Health care heroes

PACE of Southwest Michigan is looking for medically trained volunteers to help support their staff and clients. PACE is looking for a volunteer nurse and nursing assistant.

The nurse will provide direct and indirect nursing care to participants in the PACE Center and in the community. The nursing assistant will perform participant care activities and other tasks as assigned to assist the primary care, therapy and adult day health staff.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

United Way of Southwest Michigan

The Herald-Palladium, in conjunction with the United Way of Southwest Michigan, publishes volunteer opportunities every Saturday.

To view all current listings, please visit United Way of Southwest Michigan's volunteer page at **uwsm.org/volunteer.**

Face masks for front-line workers

In partnership with the Emergency Operations Center, United Way of Southwest Michigan is collecting homemade face masks to distribute to front-line workers and volunteers at area agencies and organizations.

Agencies such as homeless shelters, Meals on Wheels, and many others are still working with their clients every day. They need masks to help protect their staffs, volunteers and clients.

There are no longer set drop-off locations and times. United Way will accept donations by appointment only. If you have donations, contact Amanda Drew at 982-4038 or amanda.drew@uwsm.org.

Help ease worry

Meals on Wheels of Southwest Michigan is working with area seniors to fill many needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Meals on Wheels is seeking donation of hygiene items that can be included in deliveries to seniors. Those items include full-size shampoo, full-size toothpaste, toothbrush, and notes of encouragement and cheer.

For more information, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Compassion into action

American Red Cross of Southwest Michigan is looking for volunteers for several opportunities, such as a Disaster Action Team members, who provide 24-hour emergency response to local disasters, ensuring that those affected have access to resources for basic necessities such as food, shelter and clothing.

The American Red Cross also is looking for blood drive volunteers in Berrien and Cass counties.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Make a difference

A court-appointed special advocate (CASA) volunteer advocates in the community and courtroom for the best interests of foster children in Berrien County.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, all work is being conducted remotely, including training.

Volunteers must be at least 21 and pass a background check.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Give. Advocate. Volunteer.

United Way of Southwest Michigan mobilizes the caring power of communities to fight for the health, education and financial stability of every person. Volunteering your time and talent to create lasting solutions that improve life for everyone is an important part in United Way accomplishing this work. Volunteer today and join the fight, by visiting www.uwsm.org.

You're no better than the next; we're all sinful

David Stout
Insights

The nice thing about a major election is it's quite easy to convince people of the reality of human sin, evil and stupidity.

The bad thing about a major election is it makes it very difficult to convince people the same flaws they see in their opponents are just as much present in their own party, candidates and self.

This lack of self-critique is due to the foundational goal of politics being the aggrandizement of power. How you get that power and what you do with it are secondary concerns. Politics, while probably necessary, is therefore inherently dangerous to one's soul and society.

In 1 Samuel through 2 Kings, the story of the Israelite/Jewish monarchy is presented as a cautionary tale about what can happen when people turn to worldly politics to solve their problems instead of relying on God.

The decision of the people to have a king like the other nations leads to a whole string of scandals, intrigue, inequality, idolatry and violence that involve even the great King David and eventually leads to the destruction of Jerusalem and the nation.

Jesus' teaching about the dangers of power, and his insistence that his followers seek to be servants rather than rulers, is simply a more succinct expression of the message in the Samuel/Kings saga. Jesus, more than anyone, knows what humans are capable of once they begin pursuing power.

It was the quest for power and its attendant self-righteousness that led to Paul's emphasis on the cross. Many of his listeners saw themselves as considerably better than others. They simply couldn't fathom the idea that they were just as much sinners in need of redemption as anyone else.

Romans 3:9-24, which includes the famous "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," is a direct rebuttal to anyone in the 1st or 21st century who thinks they are any less capable and/or guilty of selfish, pig-headed nastiness than the next person.

This is a tough lesson for most of us – myself included – to accept. We want to think we would never do the things our political rivals do.

We are not divisive; they are. We are not anti-science; they are. We have a right to our grievances; they don't. We are the peaceful ones; they aren't. The pandemic is worse because of them; not us.

On and on it goes, with various media outlets egging on their respective side with stories – and omissions – that further the party narrative. The quest for power leads to a refusal to admit any reality that calls into question the rightness of my cause.

At some point, we need to learn the truth of what the monarchy saga, Jesus and Paul were trying to get across. All of us are caught up in the power of Sin, which might be likened to a malevolent version of Murphy's Law. The only way to achieve some measure of victory over that power begins with the recognition that none of us are immune to it.

It was this very recognition, limited as it unfortunately was, that led our founders to opt for a separation of powers, and other checks and balances.

While children of the Enlightenment, with its optimistic view of human nature, there was still enough of the original (John) Calvin and (Thomas) Hobbes in them to realize that putting too much power into any one person or party (on the one hand) or into a lawless mob (on the other) was a recipe for tyranny.

Often the worst tyrants are those who advocate some sort of utopia. We are far better off recognizing the reality of human imperfection than thinking we can impose some form of "perfection" on others.

Similarly, trying to shame and silence your opponent to get your way doesn't make you any better than they. It just means you're adept at practicing a more subtle form of violence.

The First Amendment, with its guarantee of freedom of speech, was meant to ensure the right of all parties to express their opinions on an issue without fear of reprisal.

The Gospel makes it plain that there is only one perfect person, and part of what makes him perfect is his willingness to love and forgive his enemies. Moreover, he is the one who forbade seeking any power save that of the Holy Spirit.

When we decide that his way is just not "realistic" and opt for the way of political power, we put ourselves in the same boat as those ancient Israelites who insisted on having a king.

While it might take a long time to manifest, that choice inevitably leads to destruction, not only for ourselves but for our posterity.

This election season, why not lose your self-righteous outrage and take a long, hard look at yourself? Odds are you might have a lot more in common, for good and for ill, with the person on the other side of the ballot than you'd care to admit. But accepting that realization is the first step toward healing – for yourself and for our nation.

Today's Insights was written by the Rev. David Stout, pastor of Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ and Riverview Park Christian Church, both in St. Joseph. Insights is written by area clergy to give different viewpoints on a variety of topics. It is published each Saturday in cooperation with the Berrien County Association of Churches. The views expressed by the author do not necessarily reflect the views of member churches.

CHURCH NOTES

At 10:45 a.m. Sunday, **Progressive Missionary Baptist Church**, 245 Pipestone St., Benton Harbor, will celebrate the Rev. James and Annie Childs' 35 years of service to the church. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Tyrone Bradley. An appreciation offering will be accepted.

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 9193 Cleveland Ave., Baroda, has returned to in-person worship services at 9 a.m. Sundays.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2673 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville, has returned to in-person services, with precautions in place, at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sundays, and 6:30 p.m. Mondays. It will continue to livestream services on its Facebook and YouTube pages at 8 a.m. Sundays. For more information, visit www.stpaulswels.org. The church's 10:30 a.m. Aug. 30 service will be outdoors in the field next to the lower parking lot. Attendees are asked to bring a chair, and may bring a picnic lunch to eat after the service.

The Shore Church, 623 Church St., St. Joseph, has returned to in-person worship at 10:30 a.m. Sundays. For more info, call 208-3844.

Peace Lutheran Church, 3590 Lincoln Ave., St. Joseph, has returned to in-person worship at 10:15 a.m. Sundays. See its COVID-19 policies online at www.peacelutheranstjoe.org. The church will continue to stream services on its Facebook and YouTube pages. It will host a drive-thru benefit dinner for Eddie Zajac from 4:30-7 p.m. Aug. 29. Zajac recently had his leg amputated following complications from diabetes. Cost is $8.50 for adults and $4.50 for children in advance, or $10 and $5 the day of. The meal includes a choice of bratwurst or hot dog, bun, baked beans, coleslaw, chips, dessert and water. Enter at the Lincoln Avenue driveway. To purchase tickets, visit the church's website.

Photo provided

The Rev. James and Annie Childs have served at Progressive Missionary Baptist Church for 35 years.

Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 1200 W. Glenlord Road, St. Joseph, has returned to in-person worship at 11:10 a.m. Sundays. For more info, call 429-1985 or visit pilgrimstjoe.org.

Zion St. Joe United Church of Christ, 3001 Veronica Drive, St. Joseph, will worship outdoors at 9 a.m. Sunday. The Rev. Oscar Varnadoe will be the guest speaker. Attendees should bring a chair, water, sunscreen and face mask. The church will worship virtually at 10 a.m. Sunday on its Facebook page.

Church Notes is a free listing, published each Saturday. Announcements are due by noon Wednesday. Late items will not be published. The editor reserves the right to edit for space and style. Incomplete information may not be published. First and last names should be furnished. Pictures submitted should include names of those shown. Send items to: Church Notes, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085; or email to focus@TheHP.com. Items should include a daytime telephone number.

BAZAARS

Coloma: The Auxiliary for American Legion Post 362, 351 E. St. Joseph St., will host a yard sale from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. today. Ten-by-10-foot spaces are available for rent for $10. Six-foot tables are available to rent, while supplies last, for $2 each. Setup starts at 7 a.m. To reserve a spot, call 325-2865. Hot dogs, chips and pop will be available for $3.

Hartford: Van Buren County Museum, 58471 Red Arrow Highway, will host a community yard sale from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 19. Ten-by-10-foot spaces are available for rent for $20. Payment is due Sept. 19. Sellers must bring their own tables, chairs and canopies. The museum is seeking sellers who have typical yard sale items, crafts, antiques, small farm tools and more. There won't be food on site to buy. To register for a space, call the museum at 621-2188 and leave a message. The rain date will be Sept. 26. The museum will be open for viewing during the sale.

News of area bazaars and arts and crafts shows will be published Saturdays in The Herald-Palladium. Nonprofits that want to be included should email a news release at least two weeks in advance of their event to focus@TheHP.com.

STEINKE

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We'd wait anxiously for "Children's Day" – because, at the time, it was the only day you could get a wristband for unlimited rides – and we'd hit the Grandstand for one of the Circus Continental shows.

We'd eat elephant ears and Korn Dogs and slices of pizza. We'd watch magic shows and talent shows and visit the Curious Kids' Museum exhibit.

We'd meet our friends, we'd see our neighbors, and we'd eat with our relatives.

Looking back again, maybe I am sure how we found enough to fill each day.

It's just sad we couldn't do the same again this year.

Andy Steinke is features editor at The Herald-Palladium. Share your fair stories with him at asteinke@TheHP.com.

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Worship Services

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The Chapel
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August 23
Series: "Judges and The Sermon on the Mount"
Title:
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3001 Veronica Dr.
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269-983-7151
Welcomes you to join us for an outdoor service
Sunday, August 23, at 9:00 a.m.
Guest Speaker, Rev. Dr. Oscar Varnadoe,
will speak on "Young Men Shall See Visions,
Old Men Shall Dream Dreams:
A New Paradigm" based on Acts 2: 11-21
Please bring a chair, sunscreen, water and a mask.
You are also welcome to join us
virtually on Facebook
at ZionChurchStJoe at 10:00 a.m.
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Call 269.983.7151 for more information.
www.zionstjoe.com

HOUSE OF THE WEEK

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A wraparound porch delivers an inviting and classic feeling to the exterior of this home. See more images online at www.ePlans.com/collection/house-of-the-week.

Cottage style with sleek curb appeal

This stylish house plan does a lot with only 1,620 square feet. The open layout of the living room and kitchen makes it easy to hang out with family members while cooking.

Check out the large butler's pantry, which provides plenty of room for organization. The master suite conveniently opens to the laundry room, making it easy to throw in a load.

To build this home, order a complete set of construction documents by calling 866-228-0193 or visit www.ePlans.com/collection/house-of-the-week. Enter the design number to locate the plan and view more images and details.

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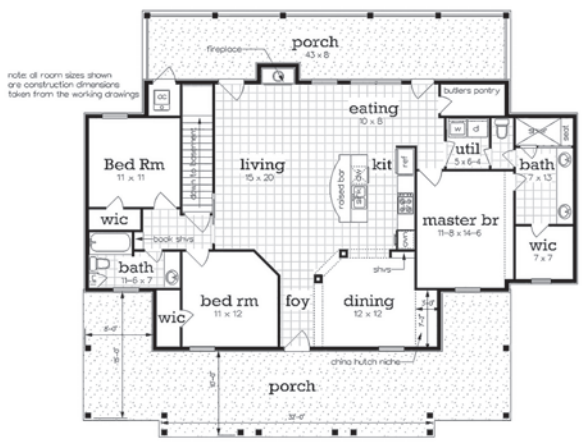

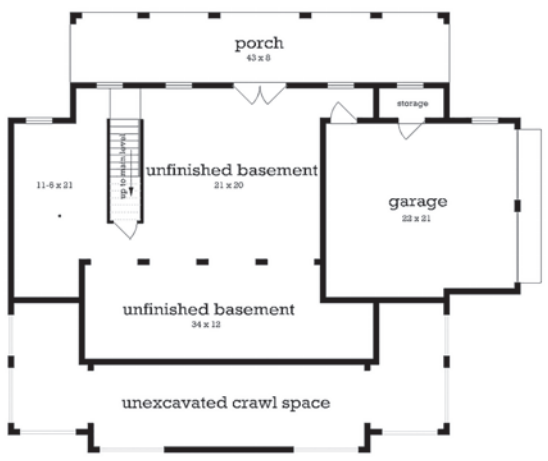

Design number: 45-583	**Square footage:** 1,620
Bedrooms: 3	**Dimensions:** 58-feet by 50-feet
Baths: 2	**Framing:** 2-by-6

LMC students named Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholars

JOHNSON

LE ROUX

PAAR

Three Lake Michigan College students were among the 207 Phi Theta Kappa members named 2020 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholars.

Sophie Paar of Stevensville, Tamlin Le Roux of Niles and Alexis Johnson of Martin each receive a $1,000 scholarship.

"I am really proud of our Phi Theta Kappa students," LMC professor and chapter adviser Jessica Beachy said in a news release. "There are only 207 of these scholarships available nationwide, so that's a pretty competitive pool of candidates. To have three of our students receive this scholarship is awesome."

The scholarship program helps new Phi Theta Kappa members defray educational expenses while enrolled in associate degree programs. Scholars are encouraged to assume leadership roles by participating in society programs, and are selected based on academic achievement, community service and leadership potential.

Nearly 700 applications were received this year.

Paar, a 2019 Lakeshore High School graduate, is majoring in graphic design. She plans to graduate in the spring and continue her education at a four-year college or university to pursue a bachelor's degree in photojournalism.

Le Roux, a nontraditional student who lives in Niles with her husband and three sons, is a sonography major.

"As a mother of three teenage boys, I feel that I am setting a good example for them by finishing my education and striving toward a goal of a rewarding career," Le Roux said. "This fall will be my first time as a full-time student, so I was thrilled to receive this scholarship for my tuition."

Johnson, a 17-year-old senior at Martin High School, is a dual enrollment student at LMC's Allegan Technology Center.

A total of $207,000 is awarded through the Leaders of Promise Scholarship Program. The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation provides $200,000 in funding for the scholarships, with $25,000 set aside for members who are veterans or active members of the U.S. military. The remaining amount is supported by donations to the Phi Theta Kappa Foundation.

The funds provided by the foundation aid college completion, and allow students to engage in society programs and develop leadership skills to become future leaders.

"Research shows that Phi Theta Kappa members are four times more likely to complete a college degree than their peers," Monica Marlowe, executive director of the Phi Theta Kappa Foundation said in the release. "The Leaders of Promise Scholarships recognize students for what they have achieved already and assure that financial need isn't an obstacle to achieving their academic goals."

ON CAMPUS

Degrees

The following area students have received a degree from an institute of technology.

Rochester Institute of Technology Rochester, N.Y.

Dowagiac – Terrence Kidman, A.A.S. in design and imaging technology

St. Joseph – Harshad Golwalkar, M.S. in human-computer interaction

Stevensville – Renae Bronakoski, C.T. in echocardiography

Dean's list

The following area students have been named to a university's dean's list.

Alvernia University Reading, Pa.

Niles – Morgan Moore

Anderson University Anderson, Ind.

Bridgman – Cassie Pallett

GENERATIONS

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The Michigan Medicare and Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) can help if you have questions about navigating these health systems. Call 800-803-7174 to reach a MMAP counselor in your area.

Sara Duris is community information liaison of Region IV Area Agency on Aging in Southwest Michigan. Questions on age or independence services? Call the Info-Line for Aging & Disability at 800-654-2810 or visit www.areaagencyonaging.org. The Generations column appears each Saturday in The Herald-Palladium.

IN BRIEF

Bridgman Public Library now open by appointment

BRIDGMAN — Bridgman Public Library, 4460 Lake St., is now open to the public by appointment.

Appointments are 30 minutes, and face masks are required to enter the building.

Curbside service also is available.

Chromebooks are available for outdoor/patio use for one hour.

For more information, call 465-3663 or visit www.bridgmanlibrary.com.

Friends to present program on Lake Michigan shipwreck

NEW BUFFALO — The Friends of the New Buffalo Library's Community Forum series will explores the mystery of the Thomas Hume, a lumber schooner that left Chicago in 1891 and wasn't seen again until it was discovered by researchers more than a century later.

Valerie Van Heest of the Michigan Shipwreck Research Association will lead the Zoom presentation at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

She will tell how a mix of survey dives, historical research and detective-like reasoning pieced together the ship's career and how its crew lived, worked and died on the lake.

Until New Buffalo Township Library reopens for meetings, the Friends will continue to offer online presentations.

For log-in information, visit the library's Facebook page.

Blessing of the Graves set for Aug. 30 in Three Oaks

THREE OAKS — In honor of the anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War, the Rebecca Dewey Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution will host a Blessings of the Graves ceremony at Forest Lawn Cemetery, 6865 Forest Lawn Road, for the veteran's buried there.

At 2 p.m. Aug. 30, the following veterans will be given honor and prayers: Pfc. Richard Cowgill, Gerald James Cross, James Denley Davis, Pfc. Ralph Gene Davis, Pfc. Frank Joseph Fleck, A1C Paul Dennis Gregory, Pvt. Willis Dean Grimstead, Howard Albert "Sonny Boy" Hilliker, Glen Ford Hoadley, Kenneth Horner, Jack Dale Klute, Robert David G. Manley, Cpl. Ronald Allen Mason, Earl Francis Ochs, Spc. Jerry John Ondresky, NS Donald Carl Peterson, Sgt. Bobbie Presnell, Pfc. William Frederick Schulz, Cpl. Kenneth H. Sestak, Cpl. David J. Sokolowski and George E. Veneklasen.

Family members of the veterans are welcome to participate.

The program will close with a reading of names for Berrien County men and women who were missing in action, killed in action and prisoners of war.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is a nonpartisan, nonpolitical, nonprofit women's organization.

For questions or more information about the local chapter, email rebecca.deweyto@gmail.com.

COMMISSION

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Douglas Clark

Douglas Clark, a 73-year-old white man from Rochester Hills, applied to join the commission because "it's important to ensure a fair and impartial redistricting in Michigan."

"Strong personal characteristics that I can bring to the commission are objectivity, an ability to work with others and an honest and sincere approach to addressing issues of the commission," Clark said in his application.

Clark affiliates with the Republican Party because he believes the party supports smaller federal government. He isn't active in the party.

James Decker

James Decker, a 59-year-old white man from Fowlerville, joined the commission because he believes citizens are "polarized and disengaged."

"People tend to get their information and opinions from sound-bites on radio or TV. We need to work to put aside preconceptions, naivety and prejudices to consider other points of view," Decker said in his application. "As a society, it is easier to complain and castigate and much harder to work and find solutions to problems. I prefer to solve problems."

Decker isn't affiliated with the Democratic or Republican parties. He has voted either way in previous elections based on individual candidate qualifications.

"As I have moved through my life from single man to married man to father, and hopefully someday grandfather, the only certainty is that nothing is black or white but lots of shades of gray, so I think you can be conservative fiscally and socially, or liberal in your attitudes and those thoughts will always change based upon the circumstances at hand," Decker said. "A little flexibility goes a long way."

Juanita Curry

Juanita Curry, a 72-year-old Black woman from Detroit, pastors at Esther's House Ministries Christian Center and joined the commission to serve her community.

"I would like to get a job where I can be of good service to my community as well as help my church in the process," Curry said. "I am a honest, trustworthy candidate for this position."

Curry said she affiliates with the Democratic Party, but doesn't try to convince others to join her in her political views.

"I am merely affiliated with this particular party due to their views and opinions and my agreements with most of them," Curry said.

She has worked as a U.S. Postal Service worker, as a foster care worker and an administrative assistant. She went to Wayne County Community College and Wayne State University.

Brittni Kellom

Brittni Kellom, a 34-year-old Black Democrat from Detroit, applied for the position because she believes in "the power of everyday citizens to effect change in the places in which they live."

"I believe in the type of innovation that comes from both collaboration and holding space for others," Kellom said.

Kellom chose not to answer why she is affiliated with the Democratic Party.

Cynthia Orton

Cynthia Orton, a 55-year-old white woman from Battle Creek, applied to join the commission because she takes "voting very seriously."

"I would like to participate in the process of making sure individual votes count and that elected officials represent the will of the majority of their constituents," Orton said in her application.

Orton is affiliated with the Republican Party because she agrees with its principles.

"However, I don't vote along party lines. I vote for individuals that I believe will best represent what I feel is best for our community and country," Orton said.

She said elected officials must be trustworthy and honorable.

"I also believe those who are elected need to work with others, no matter their differences, to build the best possible future for our country," Orton said.

Janice Vallette

Janice Vallette, a 68-year-old white woman from Highland Township, applied to join the commission because she feels it "is important that all votes are counted and not wasted.

"I do not think the district line should be manipulated to favor one party over another," Vallette said. "The districts should be as fair as possible."

Vallette isn't affiliated with either major political party.

"I look at the issues, and then research the candidates for their opinion on them. I then vote for the candidate who has opinions closest to mine, keeping in mind which issues are the most important to me," Vallette said.

Rhonda Lange

Rhonda Lange, a 48-year-old white woman from Reed City, applied for the commission because she thinks it's a way to serve her community and the state.

"I have, most of my adult life, considered myself an independent. However, I have a tendency to agree with a lot of conservative/Republican views," Lange said.

Dustin Witjes

Dustin Witjes, a 31-year-old white man from Ypsilanti, applied for the commission because he has a "strong urge for public service."

"I want to ensure that the districts in the great state of Michigan have been drawn not to favor any party," Witjes said.

He is affiliated with the Democratic Party and primarily votes for Democrats, but has voted for "individuals all across the ballot" in the past.

Richard Weiss

Richard Weiss, a 73-year-old white man from Saginaw, said in his application that he wanted to join the commission because "I am an American.

"Believe it is my duty to do this if chosen," Weiss said in his application.

Weiss isn't associated with either major political party because he "votes for the person who I believe will do the best for the U.S.A."

Steven Lett

Steven Lett is a 73-year-old white man from Interlochen who didn't answer why he wanted to join the commission, nor why he isn't affiliated with either major political party in his application.

hp SPORTS

Big Ten parents want details on no-play decision

By ERIC OLSON
AP College Football Writer

Parents of Big Ten football players, upset over the process that led to the postponement of the fall season, held a protest near the conference's Chicago-area headquarters Friday while an attorney in Nebraska demanded Commissioner Kevin Warren turn over material illustrating how the decision was made.

The Big Ten and Pac-12 announced Aug. 11 that health and safety concerns over the coronavirus led them to shut down football this fall. The other three major conferences, the Atlantic Coast, Big 12 and Southeastern, are planning to play.

Groups of player parents from several Big Ten schools have complained that Warren was not forthcoming in explaining the process that led to the school presidents' decision.

A more detailed explanation Warren offered in an open letter this week was not to their satisfaction.

"We've got a voice. We want to use it," said Jay Kallenberger, father of Iowa offensive lineman Mark Kallenberger. "Our kids may not be comfortable speaking out or the programs may say, 'Hey, just sit back, there's not a lot you can say right now.' Transparency, that's what we want."

Randy Wade, father of Ohio State cornerback Shaun Wade, organized the protest in suburban Rosemont. About two dozen parents representing Iowa, Illinois, Ohio State and Wisconsin showed up. A few carried "Let Them Play" signs and the group chanted, "Let us play!"

The protest started with a 17-second moment of silence to recognize the 170,000 Americans who have died from COVID-19.

"We do respect there's a pandemic out here," Wade said, waving off critics of the parents' movement who say the moms and dads are willing to put their sons at risk so they can play football.

Wade called on Warren to set up a videoconference with parents and athletic directors to discuss in detail how the decision was reached. Kallenberger said the parents also want Warren to provide clarity on whether there was a vote of presidents and, if so, how each school voted.

Warren wrote in his letter this week that the presidents' vote "was overwhelmingly in support of postponing fall sports and will not be revisited."

However, Minnesota president Joan Gabel said last week, "We didn't vote, per se. It's a deliberative process where we came to a decision together."

Attorney Mike Flood of Norfolk, Nebraska, in a letter sent to Warren on Friday, threatened a federal lawsuit if documents and other materials related to the decision aren't turned over by Monday.

Flood, a former speaker of the Nebraska Legislature, said he represents the parents of 11 Cornhuskers players. Flood also is owner of Flood Communications, which operates eight radio stations in the state, five of which broadcast football games as part of the Husker Sports Network.

Flood's letter pointed out that Warren's son is preparing to play this season in the SEC.

"It is especially troubling that you have made the decision that it is in your son's best interest to play football this season at Mississippi State," Flood wrote, "yet you have taken that decision out of the hands of our clients."

Flood is asking the conference to produce documents relating to any votes taken, how each school voted, meeting minutes and all audio and video recordings and transcripts of meetings where votes were cast. He also wants copies of studies, scientific data and medical information or advice considered by the presidents.

"One of the parents, and I think she speaks for most of them, says, 'Nobody loves their kids more than we do. Nobody wants to see them safe more than we do. But what is it that the Big Ten has that has compelled them to do this compared to the other conferences that are planning to play?' We'd like to know," Flood said.

A 59 for Scheffler, a near-miss for Johnson in Boston

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NORTON, Mass. — It took a disappointing par for Scottie Scheffler to realize he was making enough birdies to have a shot at 59, and he seized on the chance Friday with four birdies over his last five holes to post the 12th sub-60 round in PGA Tour history.

For the longest time, it looked like his 59 might not even be the best of the day at The Northern Trust.

As Scheffler was signing his card, Dustin Johnson had already set off on an explosive start that put some buzz into the TPC Boston even without any spectators on the course.

Birdie. Eagle. Birdie. Eagle. Birdie.

He was 9 under through eight holes, and with two birdies to start the back nine, Johnson was 11 under through 11 holes.

And then he turned into a par machine, with only two good looks at birdie the rest of the way, and one decision he'd like to have back. Johnson hit driver on the par-5 18th into a slope of grungy grass, when a 3-wood was all he would have needed to have a mid-iron into the green. He had to lay up, hit wedge to 25 feet and two-putted for a seventh straight par.

Johnson shot a 60, had a two-shot lead, and it almost felt as though condolences were in order.

Johnson was at 15-under 127, two shots ahead of Scheffler and Cameron Davis (66). Scheffler finished with two putts from across the 18th green for his 12th birdie, knocking in his last putt from 4 feet.

Bertsch eagles 1st playoff hole to win on PGA Tour Champions

RIDGEDALE, Mo. (AP) — Shane Bertsch eagled the first hole of a four-man playoff Friday to win the Charles Schwab Series at Bass Pro Shops Big Cedar Lodge in his second PGA Tour Champions start.

Bertsch hit an approach from the rough near the back edge of a bunker that took some big bounces in front of the green and rolled to 20 feet from the back pin on Buffalo Ridge's par-5 first hole.

Kenny Perry lost a one-stroke lead on the par-5 18th, making a bogey after driving left into deep rough under trees, to fall into the playoff with Bertsch, Bernhard Langer and Glen Day.

Ugly streak snapped

Ron Schwane / AP

Cleveland's Tyler Naquin (30) slides safely into second base with a one-run double as Detroit's Jonathan Schoop, left, covers during the second inning of Friday's game.

Paredes slams, Tigers end 20-game slide to Indians

By TOM WITHERS
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Rookie Isaac Paredes hit a grand slam for his first major league homer and the Detroit Tigers snapped a 20-game losing streak against Cleveland by beating the Indians 10-5 on Friday night.

Detroit 10 Cleveland 5

The Tigers also ended a nine-game slide that included being swept at home last weekend by the Indians.

The 21-year-old Paredes connected in the fourth inning when the Tigers scored seven times off Adam Plutko (1-2), who was making his third start since taking over Mike Clevinger's spot in the rotation.

Clevinger was recently demoted along with teammate Zach Plesac for breaking team coronavirus protocols.

Jonathan Schoop hit a two-run homer in the fourth as the Tigers topped the Indians for the first time since April 10, 2019.

Cleveland's 20-game dominance of Detroit was the second-longest streak against one opponent since division play began in 1969. Baltimore holds the record with 23 consecutive wins over Kansas City in 1969-70.

Víctor Reyes also homered and Rony Garcia (1-0) picked up the win for the Tigers, who got off to a surprising 9-4 start before staggering.

Franmil Reyes hit a two-run homer as the Indians had their winning streak stopped at six. They were again without manager Terry Francona. He underwent a medical procedure Friday and missed his 15th game this season due to poor health.

Down 5-0 after starter Michael Fulmer got touched up early, the Tigers finally had the kind of inning a team needs to snap a long losing streak.

They chased Plutko with the seven-run outburst, the last four scoring on Paredes' slam, which came four days after the third baseman made his big league debut.

Plutko hurt himself with two walks and a hit batter in the inning. After he put Miguel Cabrera on leading off, Schoop followed with his sixth homer, a towering shot that left fielder Domingo Santana had trouble tracking and then covered his head with his glove for protection.

The Tigers loaded the bases on the hit batter, walk and two singles before Paredes lined a 1-2 pitch over the wall in left.

The Indians' winning streak had coincided with last week's team meeting in Detroit that centered on Clevinger and Plesac, who broke MLB and team rules when they left the team's hotel in Chicago and risked exposure to the COVID-19 virus.

The team demoted the pair to its alternate training facility. Clevinger and Plesac are eligible to return next week, but it's not a given they'll be back that soon.

Indy 500 does its best to shine as show goes on in pandemic

By JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis 500 has been stripped almost to the bone for the 104th running of "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing."

The iconic test of man and machine is too important to new owner Roger Penske to cancel in the year of the coronavirus pandemic. Its importance to the survival of IndyCar teams meant the race had to be staged even if the gates at Indianapolis Motor Speedway will be closed to fans for the first time in its long, storied history.

"Virtually every sponsorship you have is tied to this event. It's the 800-pound gorilla," said Bobby Rahal, owner of three cars entered in Sunday's race that was rescheduled from its traditional Memorial Day weekend slot.

"I think the idea of not having the Indy 500 would have been disastrous to probably every team," he said. "It would have been a death knell to some teams, so, yes, this race had to happen."

Penske, the billionaire businessman who closed his purchase of the national landmark speedway and the series itself in January, will host the marquee race practically out of pocket. The Indy 500 was canceled only during World War I and World War II and Penske's staff has gone to extreme lengths to make the race still feel like a world-class event even without fans.

It's cachet improved when Marco Andretti won the pole, a feat not done by his famous family since Mario Andretti did it in 1987. Marco was just two months old when his grandfather won his last Indy pole and Marco's father, uncle and cousin all failed to duplicate the effort.

Mario's victory in 1969 is the only Indy 500 win among five Andretti drivers covering 74 starts. It was Marco, as a rookie in 2006, who last came closest to ending the "Andretti Curse" when he was beaten at the finish line.

This is his time, a full 15 years later, and Andretti is up for the challenge. The family will be honored before the race as Mario Andretti drives son, Michael, around the speedway in the two-seater before Marco takes the green flag.

His top competition seems to be his very own Andretti Autosport teammates as the Honda-powered cars trounced Chevrolet in qualifying. The Andretti camp starts four drivers in the first three rows, while Honda took all but one of the nine slots.

The front of the pack includes a pair of rookies: Alex Palou in a Honda for Dale Coyne Racing, and 19-year-old Rinus VeeKay, the lone Chevrolet driver to crack the fast nine who is mentored by fellow Dutchmen and two-time Indy 500 winner Arie Luyendyk.

The Chevrolet contingent is mostly stuck in the back of the 33-car field – which filled up late. DragonSpeed Racing with driver Ben Hanley announced its entry just last week and missed almost two full days of practice getting a car prepared.

The back of the field includes Penske's entire four-car fleet, which includes the last two winners in Simon Pagenaud and Will Power, defending IndyCar champion Josef Newgarden, and three-time Indy 500 winner Helio Castroneves.

SCOREBOARD

GIRLS GOLF

Jenison Inv. at The Meadows

Team scores – 1. Rockford 348, 2. St. Joseph 357, 3. Montague 358, 4. Coopersville 363, 5. Hudsonville 376, 6. East Grand Rapids 377, 7. Grandville 377, 8. GR Christian 395, 9. Grand Haven 407, 10. DeWitt 432, 11. Spring Lake 433, 12. Jenison 455.

St. Joseph – Maya Hunter 78 (2nd place), Maddy Cleveland 90, Izzy Ugalde 93, Madison Jackson 96.

CROSS COUNTRY

Niles Viking Stampede at Southwestern Michigan College

Boys

Team scores — 1. BC Harper Creek 31, 2. Plainwell 48, 3. Lakeshore 55, 4. Paw Paw 91, 5. Niles 149.

Lakeshore — 1. Race Bettich 17:17.94, 9. Grant Rose 19:29.21, 11. Charlie Ogata 19:40.34, 15. Lucas Balkema 19:59.04, 19. Caleb Christian 20:53.11.

Girls

1. Marshall 40, 2. BC Harper Creek 49, 3. Lakeshore 79, 4. Plainwell 96, 5. Paw Paw 126, 6. Niles 140.

Lakeshore — 3. Emily Peters 21:19.80, 14. Olivia Smith 23:59.50, 17. Abigail Winsman 24:18.10, 19. Rachel Vroegop 24:34.30, 26. Cait Obrien 25:30.50.

MLB

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	16	9	.640	—
Tampa Bay	17	10	.630	—
Toronto	13	11	.542	2½
Baltimore	12	13	.480	4
Boston	8	18	.308	8½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	17	9	.654	—
Cleveland	16	10	.615	1
Chicago	15	11	.577	2
Detroit	10	14	.417	6
Kansas City	10	15	.400	6½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	18	8	.692	—
Houston	15	10	.600	2½
Texas	10	14	.417	7
Los Angeles	8	18	.308	10
Seattle	8	19	.296	10½

Thursday's Games

Toronto 3, Philadelphia 2, 7 innings, 1st game
Tampa Bay 10, N.Y. Yankees 5
Chicago White Sox 9, Detroit 0
Houston 10, Colorado 8
Toronto 9, Philadelphia 8, 7 innings, 2nd game
L.A. Dodgers 6, Seattle 1
Minnesota 7, Milwaukee 1
Cleveland 2, Pittsburgh 0
Boston 7, Baltimore 1
San Diego 8, Texas 7, 10 innings
Oakland 5, Arizona 1
San Francisco 10, L.A. Angels 5

Friday's Games

Toronto 6, Tampa Bay 5, 10 innings
Detroit 10, Cleveland 5
N.Y. Yankees at N.Y. Mets, ppd.
Boston at Baltimore
Minnesota at Kansas City
Chicago White Sox at Chicago Cubs
Houston at San Diego
Texas at Seattle
L.A. Angels at Oakland

Saturday's Games

Detroit (Boyd 0-3) at Cleveland (McKenzie 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Cease 4-1) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 3-2), 8:15 p.m.

Sunday's Regional Games

Detroit at Cleveland, 1:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	14	11	.560	—
Miami	10	9	.526	1
New York	12	14	.462	2½
Philadelphia	9	12	.429	3
Washington	9	13	.409	3½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	16	8	.667	—
St. Louis	7	7	.500	4
Milwaukee	11	13	.458	5
Cincinnati	10	13	.435	5½
Pittsburgh	5	17	.227	10

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	19	8	.704	—
San Diego	15	12	.556	4
Colorado	13	12	.520	5
Arizona	13	13	.500	5½
San Francisco	11	16	.407	8

Thursday's Games

Toronto 3, Philadelphia 2, 7 innings, 1st game
Houston 10, Colorado 8
Toronto 9, Philadelphia 8, 7 innings, 2nd game
L.A. Dodgers 6, Seattle 1
Minnesota 7, Milwaukee 1
Cleveland 2, Pittsburgh 0
St. Louis 5, Cincinnati 4
San Diego 8, Texas 7, 10 innings
Oakland 5, Arizona 1
San Francisco 10, L.A. Angels 5
N.Y. Mets at Miami, ppd.

Friday's Games

Miami 3, Washington 2
Pittsburgh 7, Milwaukee 2
N.Y. Yankees at N.Y. Mets, ppd.
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Weekend Comics

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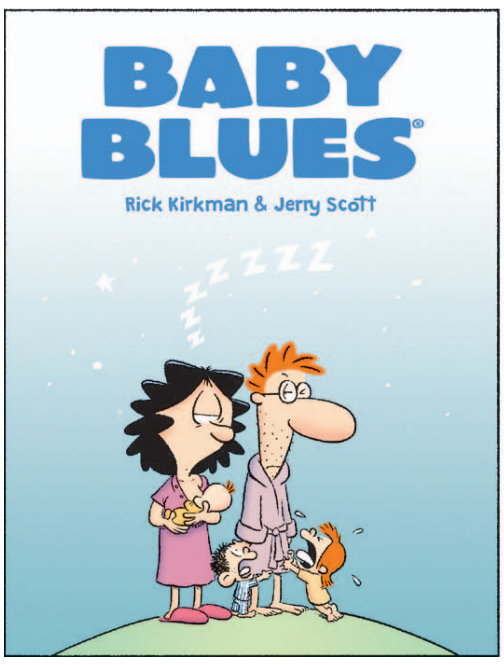
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IT'S A BIG DECISION.
DO YOU LIKE BEING A MOM?
I LOVE IT.
SURE, IT CAN BE CHALLENGING, BUT TOTALLY WORTH IT.
I LIKE TO SAY THAT MOTHERHOOD IS THE TOUGHEST, SCARIEST, MOST FRUSTRATING, REWARDING, WONDERFUL, AND EXCITING JOB IN THE WORLD.
AND I WOULDN'T TRADE IT FOR ANYTHING.
WOW!
HOW'S THE PAY?
I MENTIONED FRUSTRATING, RIGHT?
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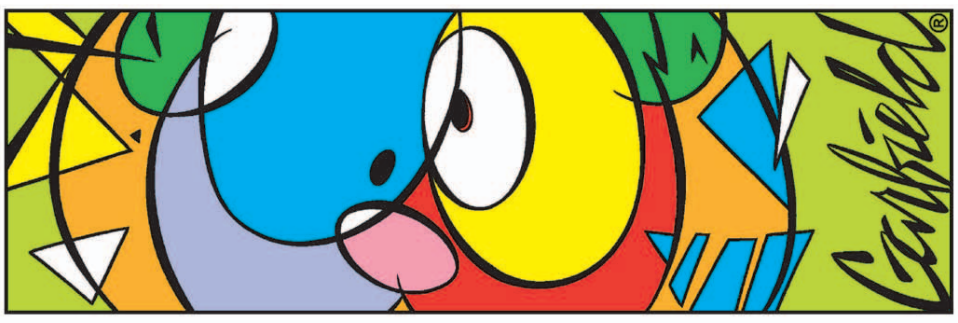

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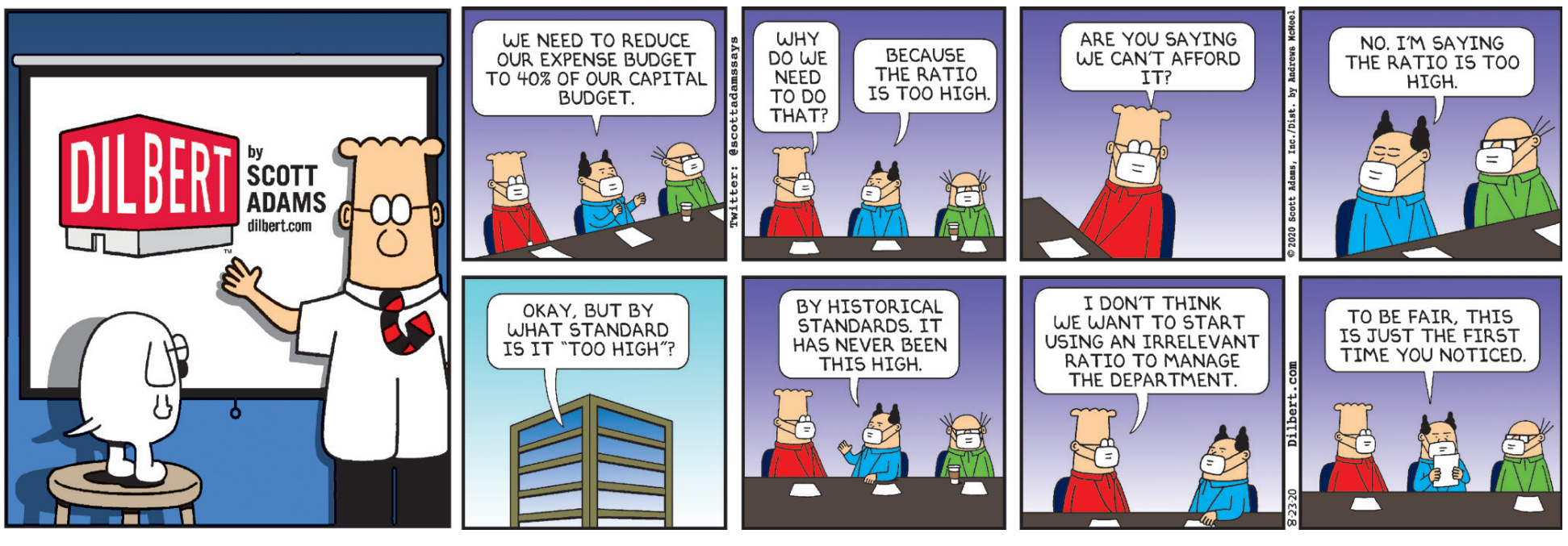
DILBERT
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WE NEED TO REDUCE OUR EXPENSE BUDGET TO 40% OF OUR CAPITAL BUDGET.
WHY DO WE NEED TO DO THAT?
BECAUSE THE RATIO IS TOO HIGH.
ARE YOU SAYING WE CAN'T AFFORD IT?
NO. I'M SAYING THE RATIO IS TOO HIGH.
OKAY, BUT BY WHAT STANDARD IS IT "TOO HIGH"?
BY HISTORICAL STANDARDS. IT HAS NEVER BEEN THIS HIGH.
I DON'T THINK WE WANT TO START USING AN IRRELEVANT RATIO TO MANAGE THE DEPARTMENT.
TO BE FAIR, THIS IS JUST THE FIRST TIME YOU NOTICED.
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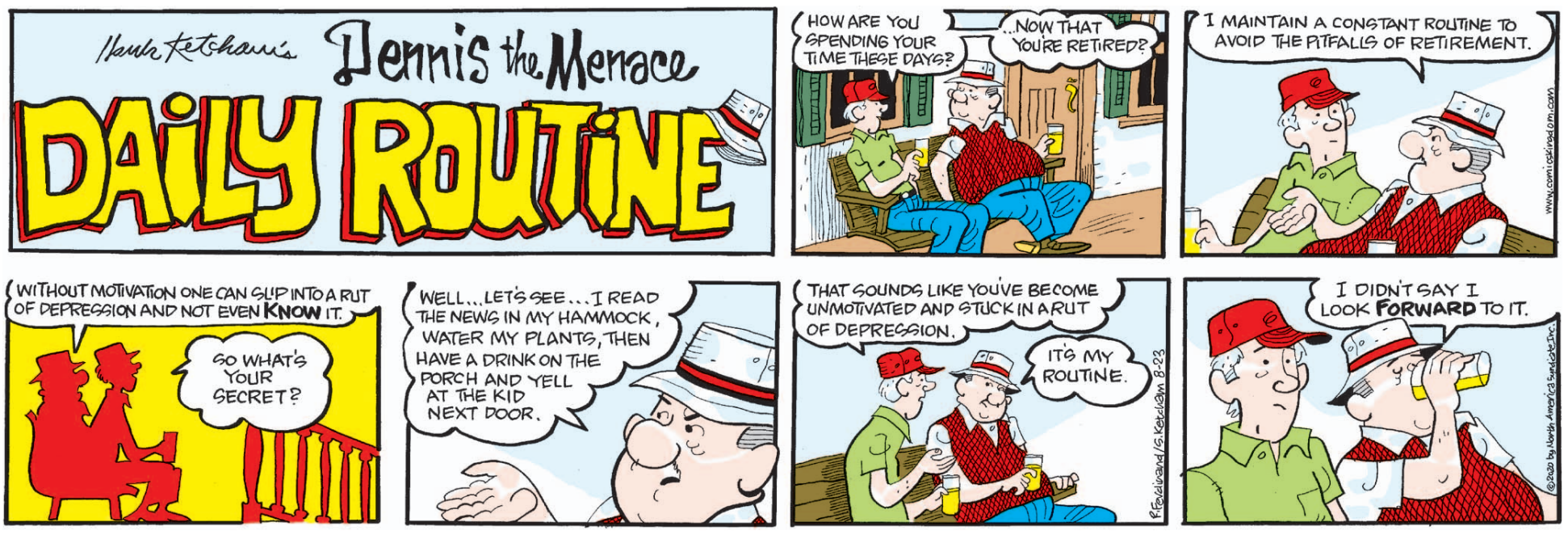
DENNIS THE MENACE


Hank Ketcham's Dennis the Menace
DAILY ROUTINE
HOW ARE YOU SPENDING YOUR TIME THESE DAYS?
...NOW THAT YOU'RE RETIRED?
I MAINTAIN A CONSTANT ROUTINE TO AVOID THE PITFALLS OF RETIREMENT.
WITHOUT MOTIVATION ONE CAN SLIP INTO A RUT OF DEPRESSION AND NOT EVEN KNOW IT.
SO WHAT'S YOUR SECRET?
WELL...LET'S SEE...I READ THE NEWS IN MY HAMMOCK, WATER MY PLANTS, THEN HAVE A DRINK ON THE PORCH AND YELL AT THE KID NEXT DOOR.
THAT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'VE BECOME UNMOTIVATED AND STUCK IN A RUT OF DEPRESSION.
IT'S MY ROUTINE.
I DIDN'T SAY I LOOK FORWARD TO IT.
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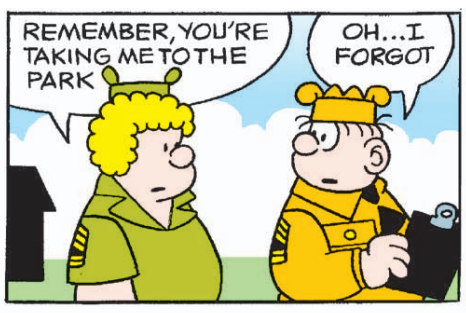
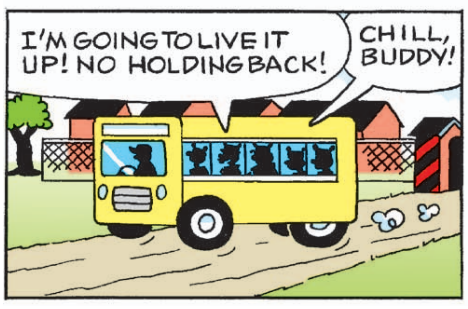
Mort Walker's beetle bailey®





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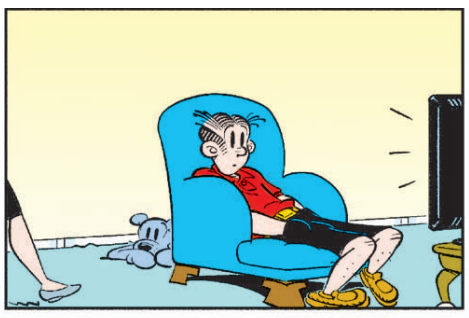

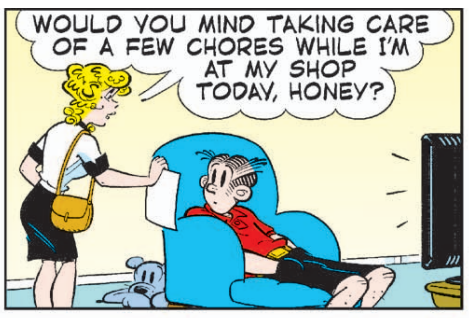

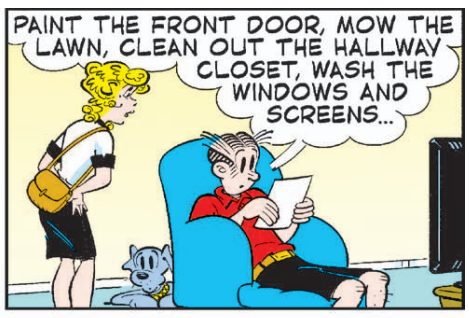

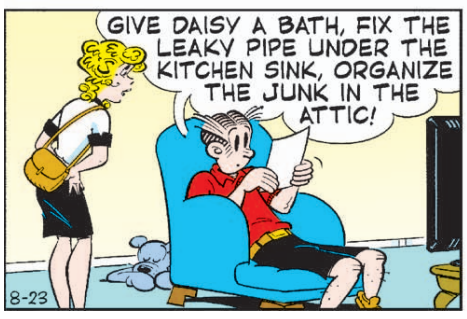

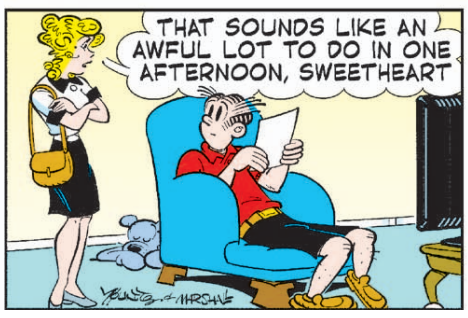

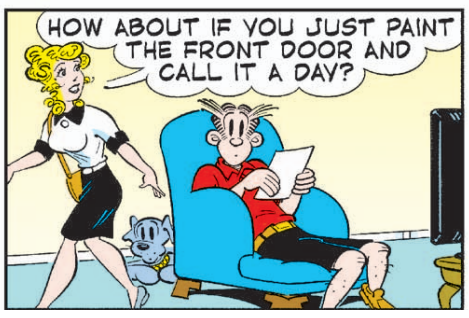

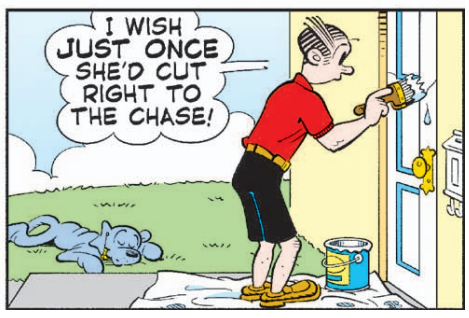

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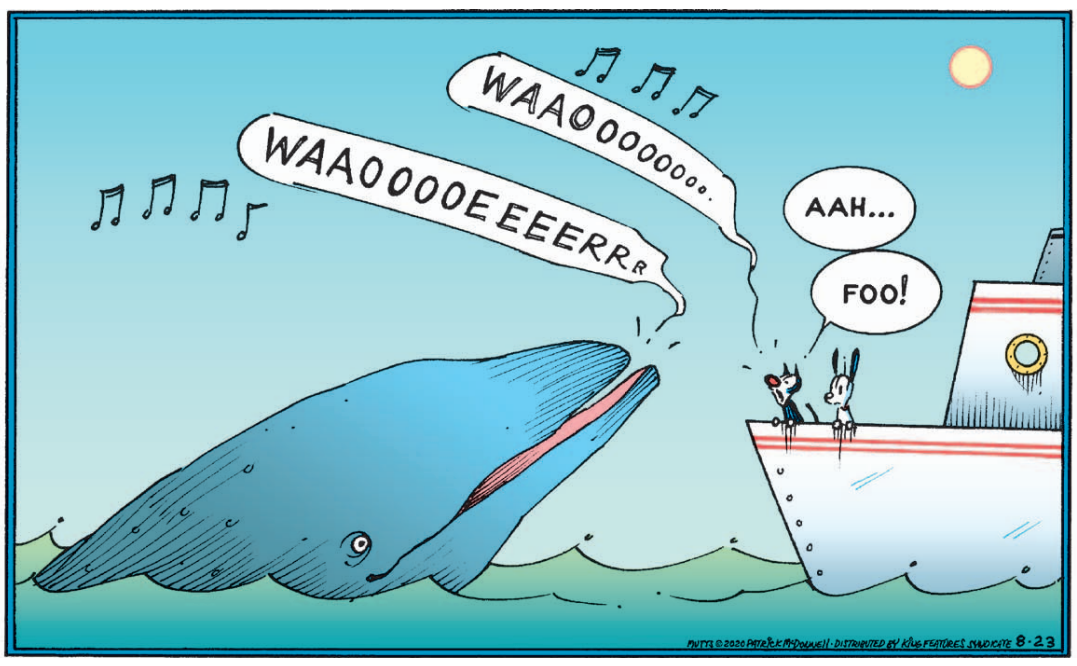

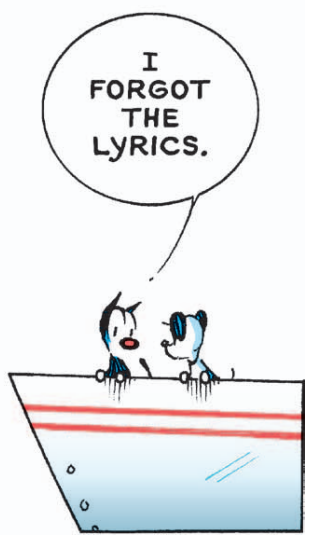

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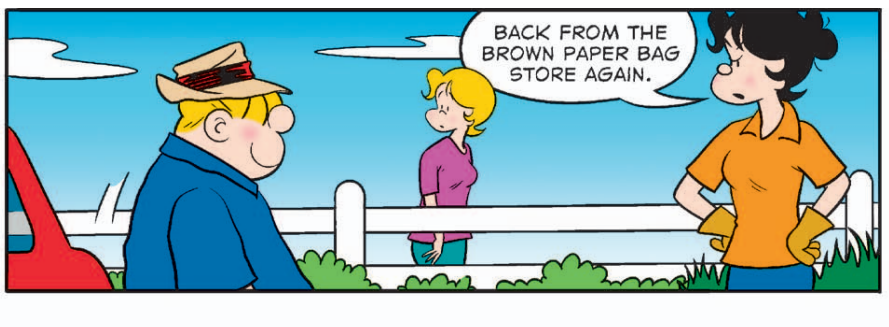

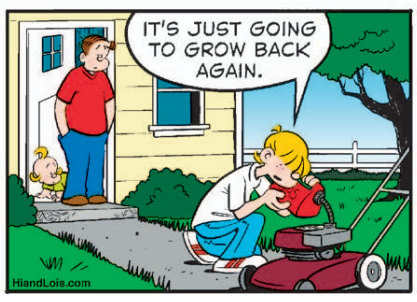

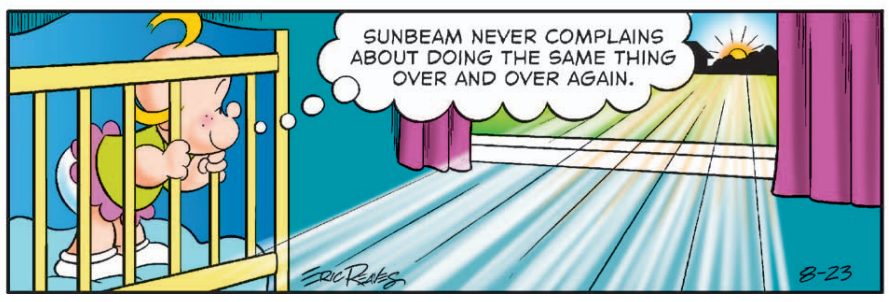

The FAMILY CIRCUS®

By BIL KEANE

WHEN'S LUNCH, MOMMY?
MY TUMMY'S EMPTY!
WE'RE HUNGRY!
THERE'S A NICE SPOT FOR OUR PICNIC! THE FOOD WILL BE READY IN NO TIME.
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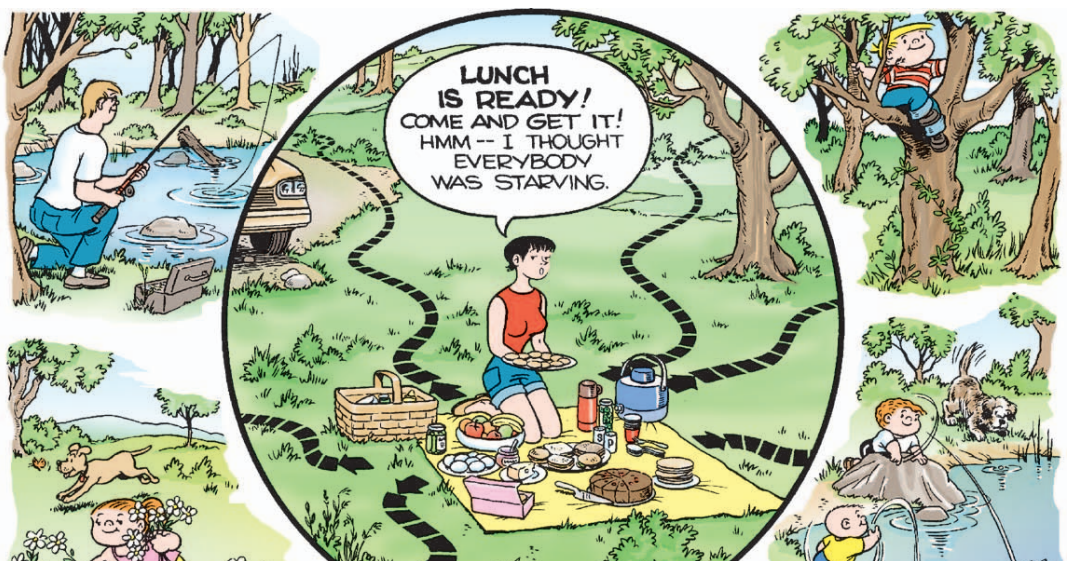

FUNKY WINKERBEAN®

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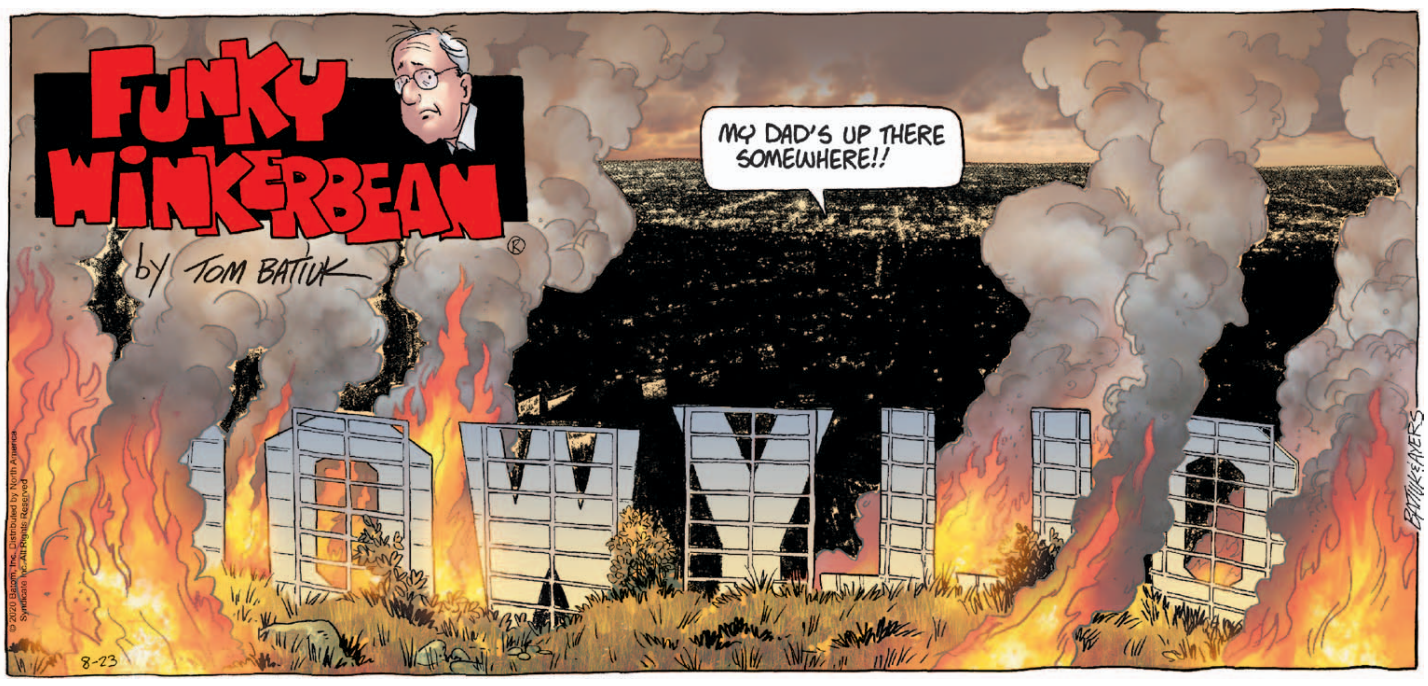
MY DAD'S UP THERE SOMEWHERE!!
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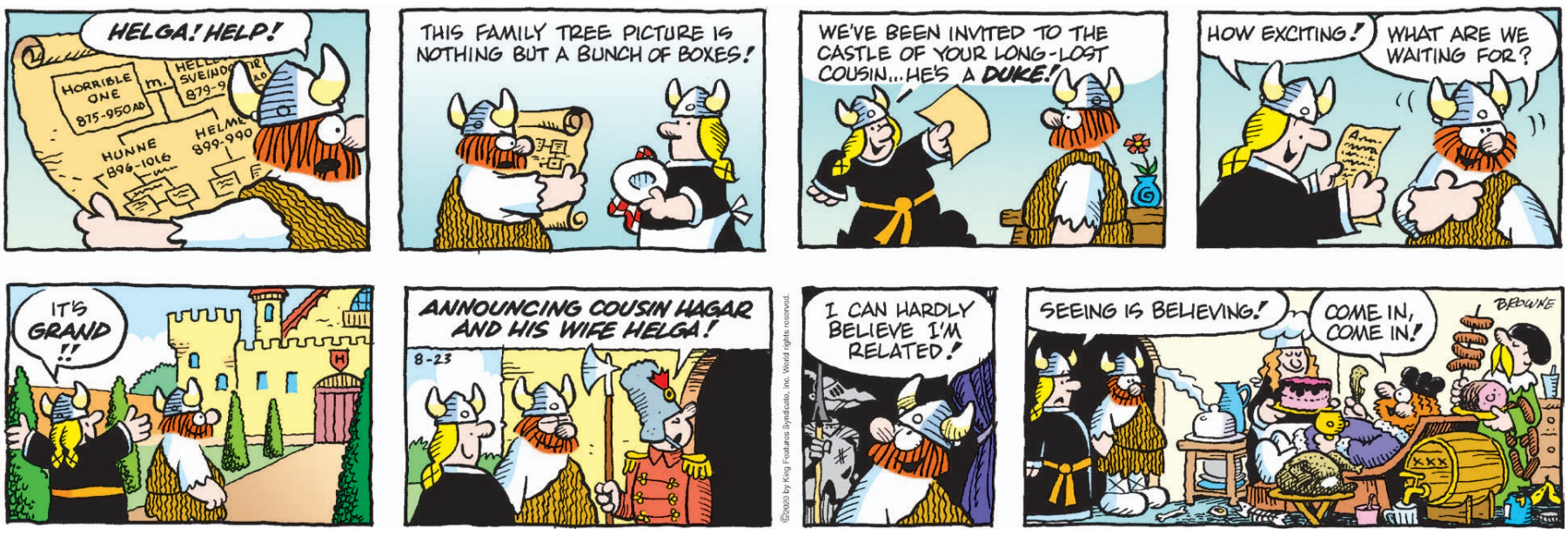
BATIUKEINERS

HAGAR the horrible

by DIK BROWNE


HELGA! HELP!
HORRIBLE ONE 875-950AD
HUNNE 896-1016
HELMET 899-990
THIS FAMILY TREE PICTURE IS NOTHING BUT A BUNCH OF BOXES!
WE'VE BEEN INVITED TO THE CASTLE OF YOUR LONG-LOST COUSIN...HE'S A DUKE!
HOW EXCITING!
WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?
IT'S GRAND!!
ANNOUNCING COUSIN HAGAR AND HIS WIFE HELGA!
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I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE I'M RELATED!
SEEING IS BELIEVING!
COME IN, COME IN!
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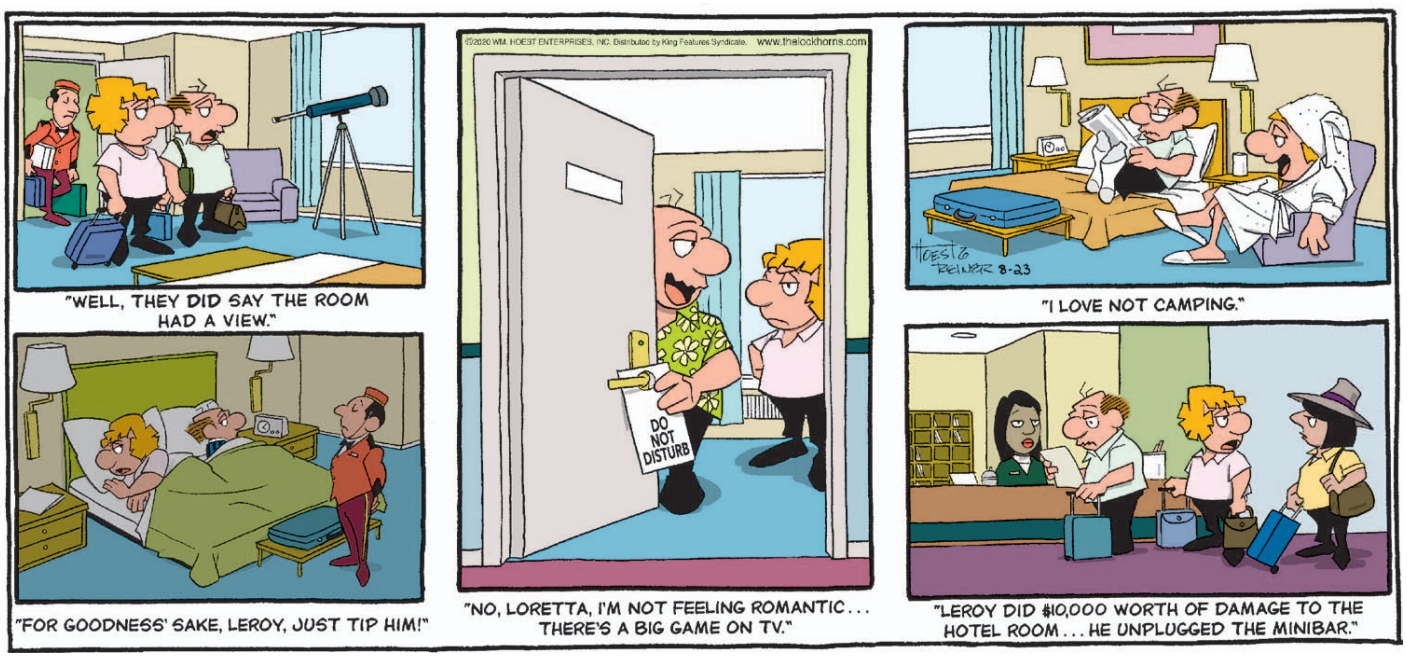
THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER


"WELL, THEY DID SAY THE ROOM HAD A VIEW."
"FOR GOODNESS' SAKE, LEROY, JUST TIP HIM!"
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"NO, LORETTA, I'M NOT FEELING ROMANTIC... THERE'S A BIG GAME ON TV."
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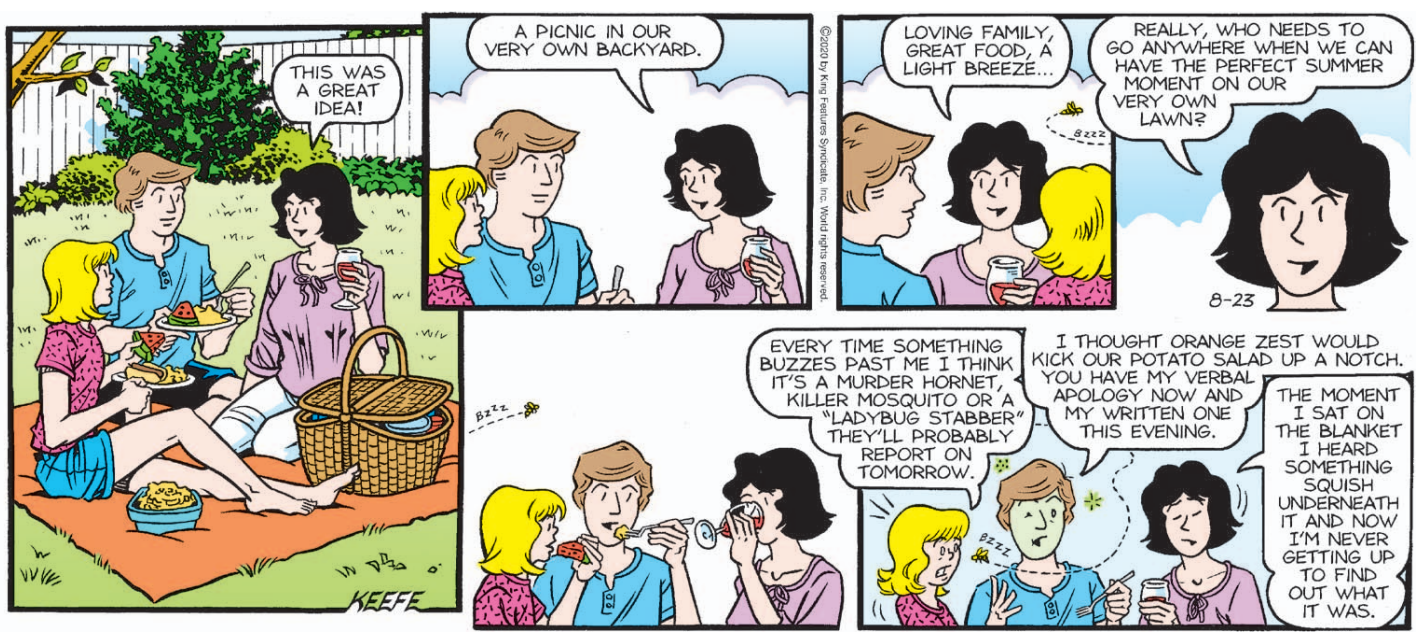
"I LOVE NOT CAMPING."
"LEROY DID $10,000 WORTH OF DAMAGE TO THE HOTEL ROOM... HE UNPLUGGED THE MINIBAR."

SALLY FORTH®

by Francesco Marciuliano


THIS WAS A GREAT IDEA!
KEEFE
A PICNIC IN OUR VERY OWN BACKYARD.
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LOVING FAMILY, GREAT FOOD, A LIGHT BREEZE...
BZZZ
REALLY, WHO NEEDS TO GO ANYWHERE WHEN WE CAN HAVE THE PERFECT SUMMER MOMENT ON OUR VERY OWN LAWN?
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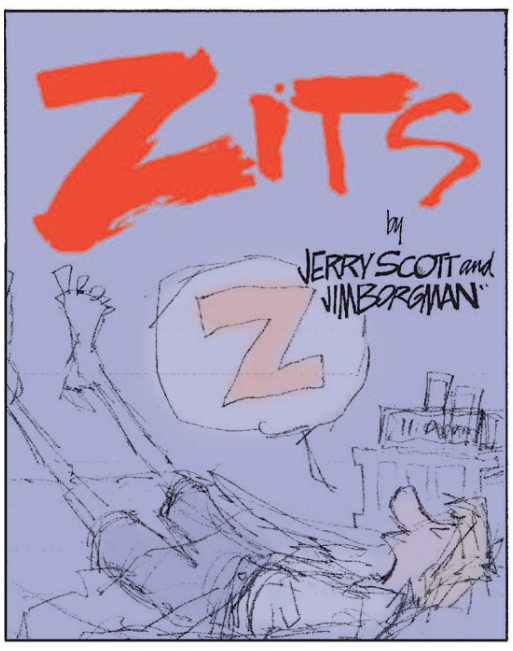
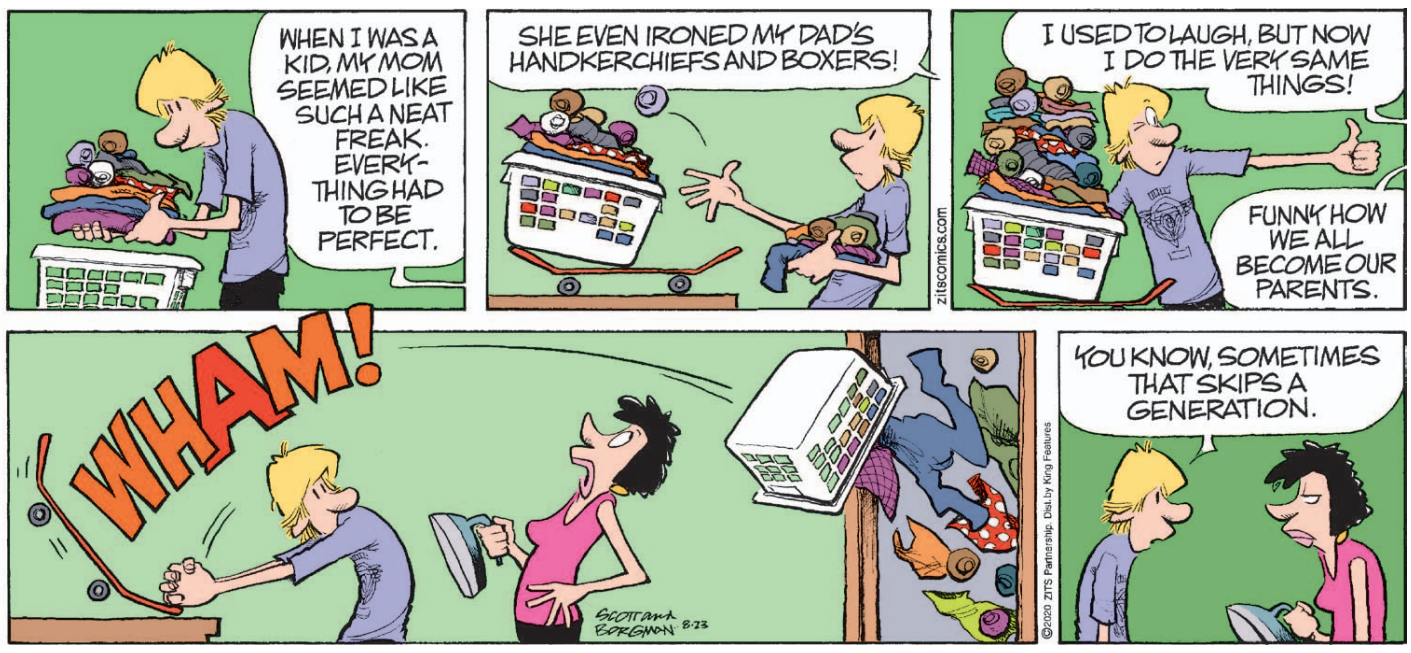
BZZZ
EVERY TIME SOMETHING BUZZES PAST ME I THINK IT'S A MURDER HORNET, KILLER MOSQUITO OR A "LADYBUG STABBER" THEY'LL PROBABLY REPORT ON TOMORROW.
I THOUGHT ORANGE ZEST WOULD KICK OUR POTATO SALAD UP A NOTCH. YOU HAVE MY VERBAL APOLOGY NOW AND MY WRITTEN ONE THIS EVENING.
BZZZ
THE MOMENT I SAT ON THE BLANKET I HEARD SOMETHING SQUISH UNDERNEATH IT AND NOW I'M NEVER GETTING UP TO FIND OUT WHAT IT WAS.

ZITS

by JERRY SCOTT and JIM BORGMAN




WHEN I WAS A KID, MY MOM SEEMED LIKE SUCH A NEAT FREAK. EVERY-THING HAD TO BE PERFECT.
SHE EVEN IRONED MY DAD'S HANDKERCHIEFS AND BOXERS!
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I USED TO LAUGH, BUT NOW I DO THE VERY SAME THINGS!
FUNNY HOW WE ALL BECOME OUR PARENTS.
WHAM!
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YOU KNOW, SOMETIMES THAT SKIPS A GENERATION.
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FORT KNOX™

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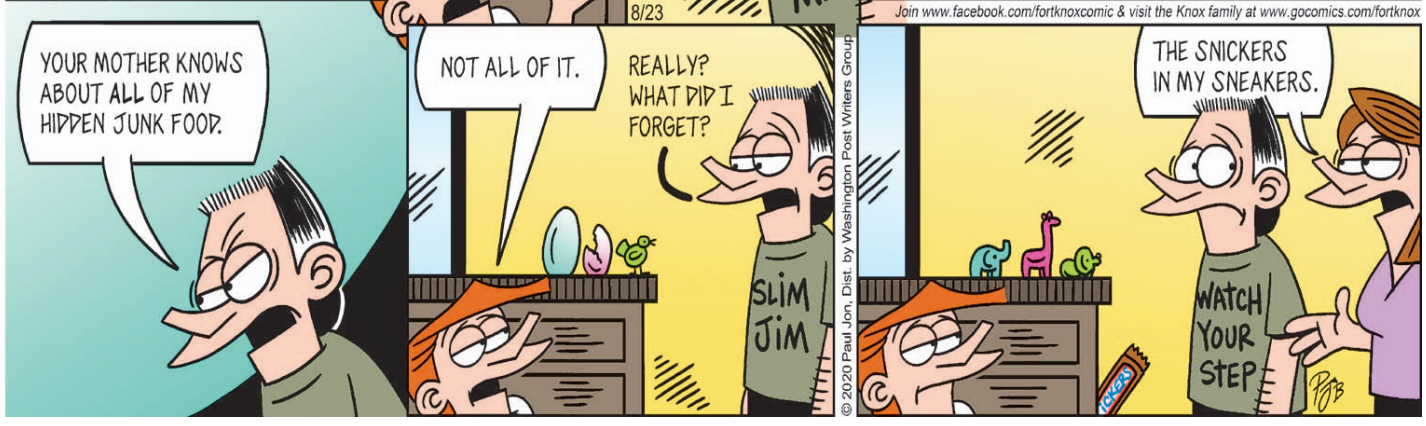
FATHER, I FOUND A BAG OF DORITOS IN YOUR SOCK DRAWER.
IT'S NOT MINE.
HEAD CHEEZ
THEN I SUPPOSE THE OREOS HIDDEN BEHIND THE REFRIGERATOR AREN'T YOURS EITHER.
DUNK ME
DONALD! DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT BLACKMAILING ME!!
SNACK PACK
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Join www.facebook.com/fortknoxcomic & visit the Knox family at www.gocomics.com/fortknox
YOUR MOTHER KNOWS ABOUT ALL OF MY HIDDEN JUNK FOOD.
NOT ALL OF IT.
REALLY? WHAT DID I FORGET?
SLIM JIM
THE SNICKERS IN MY SNEAKERS.
WATCH YOUR STEP
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WIZARD OF ID

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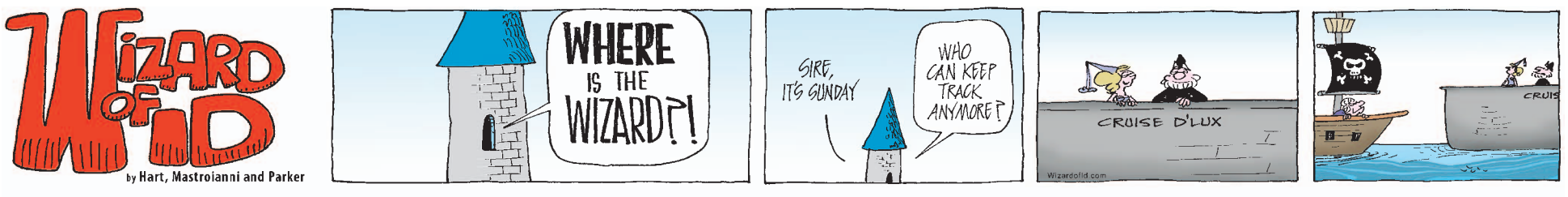

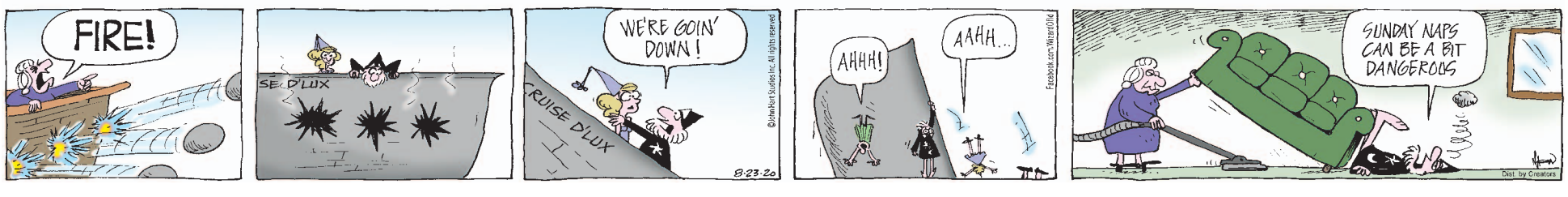

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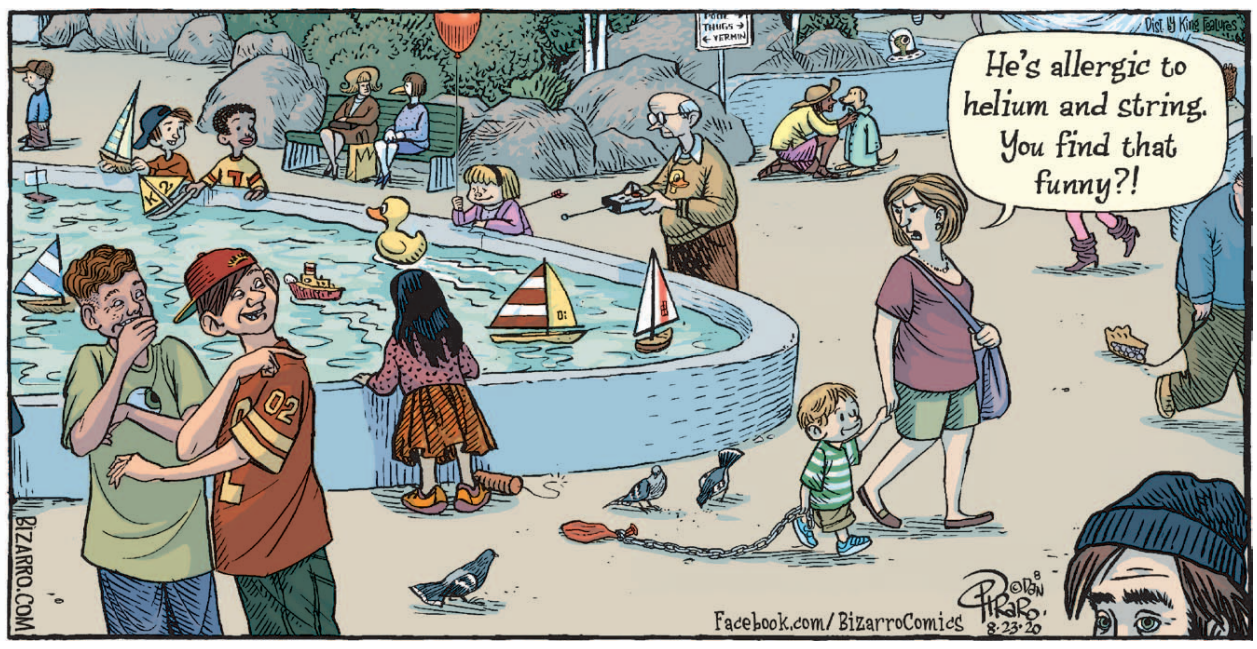

DUSTIN

By STEVE KELLEY and JEFF PARKER

DUSTIN, WHY DON'T YOU JUST GET THE STEPLADDER OUT OF THE GARAGE?
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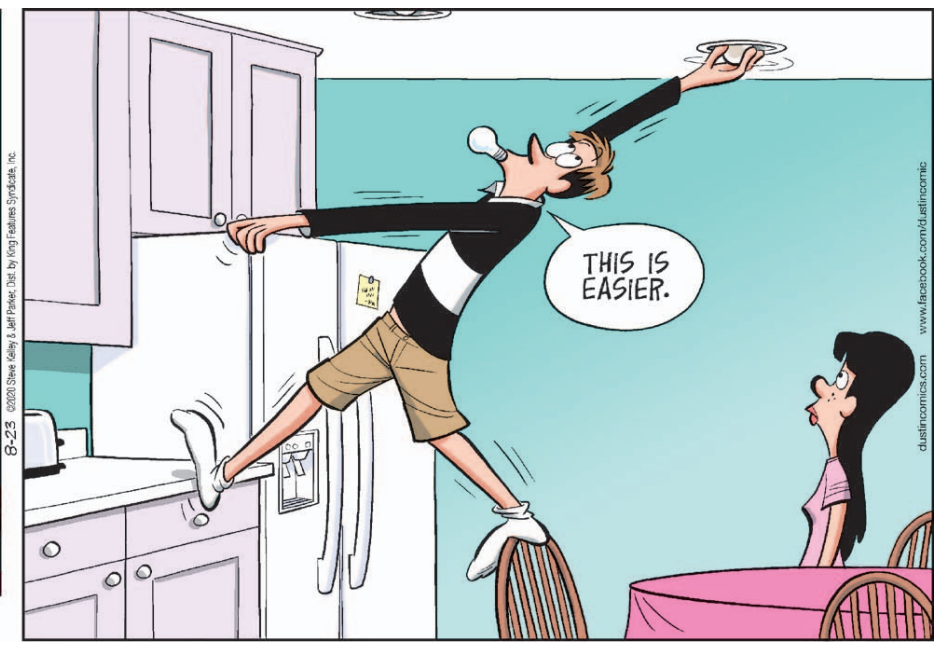

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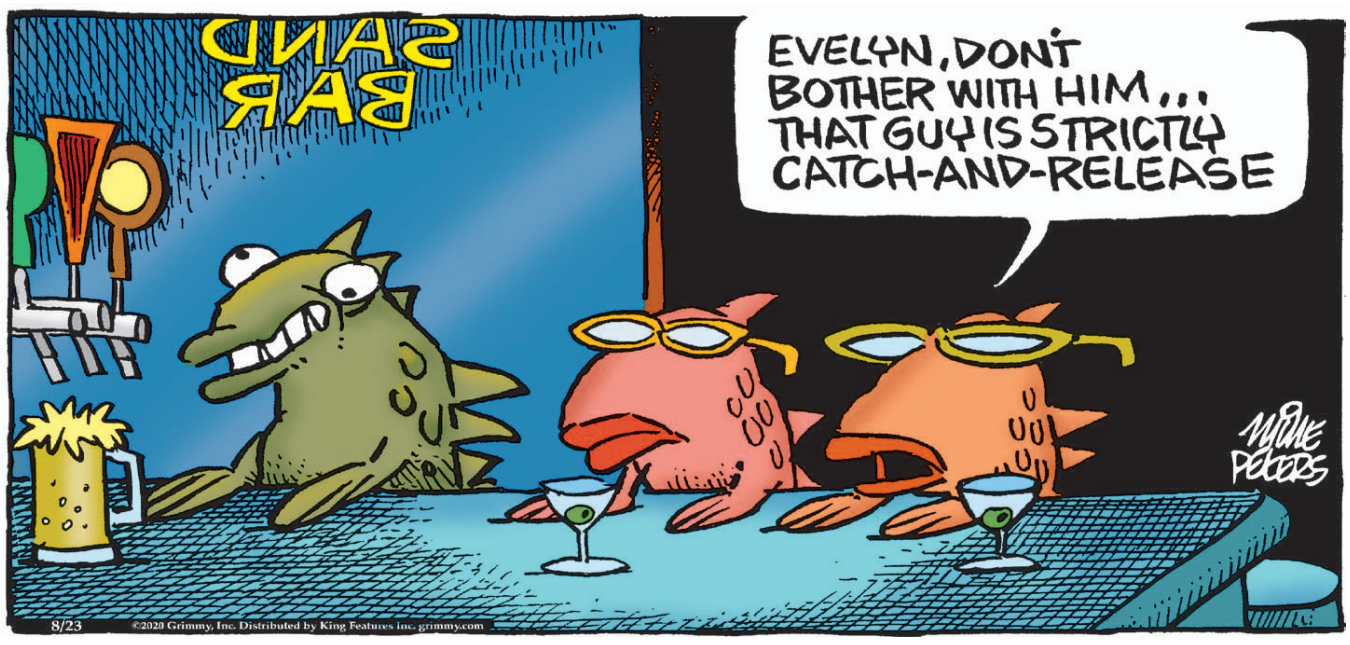
SANDY BAR
EVELYN, DON'T BOTHER WITH HIM... THAT GUY IS STRICTLY CATCH-AND-RELEASE
MIKE PETERS
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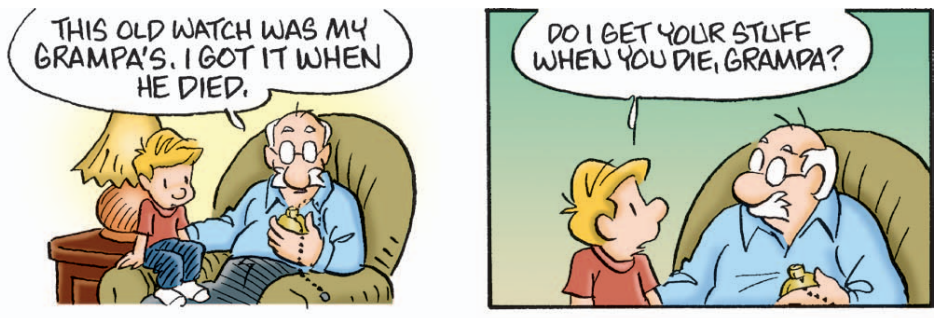
PICKLES

by BRIAN CRANE


THIS OLD WATCH WAS MY GRAMPA'S. I GOT IT WHEN HE DIED.
DO I GET YOUR STUFF WHEN YOU DIE, GRAMPA?
WELL, THAT'S NOT A POLITE QUESTION TO ASK, NELSON.
WHY NOT?
IT MAKES IT SOUND LIKE YOU'RE WAITING FOR ME TO DIE SO YOU CAN GET MY STUFF.
I'M NOT WAITING FOR YOU TO DIE, GRAMPA. I DON'T EVEN WANT YOUR STUFF.
WHY? WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY STUFF?
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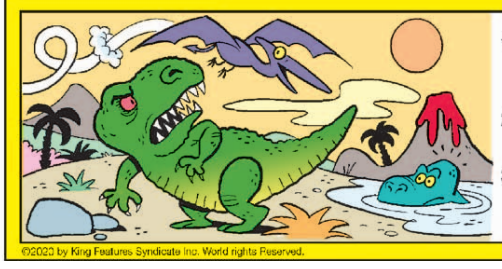
Bob Weber Jr.'s SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

There is a rumor that Shady Shrew replaced the solid gold Egyptian cat statue with a gold-painted iron replica. Slylock Fox says he has something in his pocket that will immediately determine if the rumor could be true. What is in Slylock's pocket?

Solution -- Slylock has a magnet. If the statue is an iron replica, the magnet will be attracted to it. If it is the solid gold cat, the magnet won't be attracted.



True or False

1) T.rex had the most powerful bite of any terrestrial animal of any time period.
2) T.rex lived in an area that now makes up North America.
3) T.rex did not hunt – it was a scavenger.

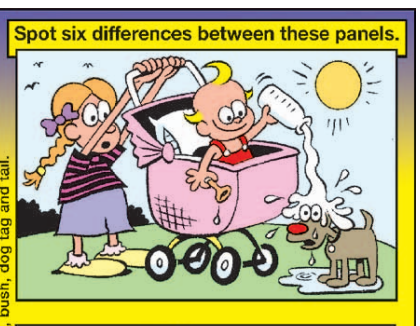
Answer -- 1) True. 2) True. 3) False.

The scrambled words are sea creatures that live in shells. How many can you unscramble?

1) ASLIN
2) REBTOSL
3) BRCA
4) TORSYE

Answer -- 1) Snail 2) Lobster 3) Crab 4) Oyster

Spot six differences between these panels.



Answer -- Baby's hair, pillow, drop, bush, dog tag and tail.

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